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## Blair plan forschool fast track

#### Reforms would let bright children forge ahead

Patrick Wintour

ONY BLAIR, the Labour leader, seeks today to regain control of the debate on education by promising reforms designed to ensure bright students can forge ahead within a comprehen-

Writing in the Guardian in the wake of Labour's controversy over selective grammar schools, Mr Blair argues; "We should refuse to go back to selection, but refuse too to make do with uniformity."

Instead, he argues that bright children should, within comprehensives, be allowed to be taught in class-Today we need a system where students forge ahead in areas of strength, breaking down the traditional equation of ages and stages."

Mr Blair's remarks are his first on education since Labour was hit by the controversial decision of Harriet Harman, the shadow health secretary, to send her son to a selective grammar school.

Although Mr Blair's refined policy may give children within the comprehensive system more of the advantages previously only found in selective schools, his aides insist they were developed well before the Harman con-

The proposals are a rejection of what he describes as the traditional factory model of education" in which all children "are assumed to proceed at broadly similar speed in every subject".

Southwark Cathedral in south London today to mark the 10th anniversary of the



report, he will also propose extra help for failing inner city schools by twinning them with more successful schools. and by making experience in sink schools a condition of swift promotion for teachers.

In remarks designed to asthe so-called aspirational classes, he also calls for year-on-year pressure for school improvement, and to encourage every school to develop a distinctive ethos and

At the same time, Mr Blair seeks to reassure advocates of comprehensive education by insisting in his Guardian article that there will be no return to the 11 plus.

Mr Blair's strategy is designed to meet head-on the increasingly-confident challenge being mounted by the Prime Minister. Bolstered by his performance in the Commons last week, John Major said yesterday that it had been "had been the week in which Labour realised they would lose the general elec-tion, when the facade began to crack."

defeatism over the next elec-tion, Mr Major told the Sun-day Telegraph that "anyone who had been in the Commons over the past week will have seen a revolution in atmosphere and in the confi-

dence of Tory MPs".

Predicting a rise in living standards well in excess of £450 for the average family this year, he said: "I think the feel good factor, the confi-dence and growth in the British economy is coming back." The economy and education have emerged as key battle-grounds in the phoney election campaign being fought by the major parties.

David Blumkett, the shadow education secretary depicted.

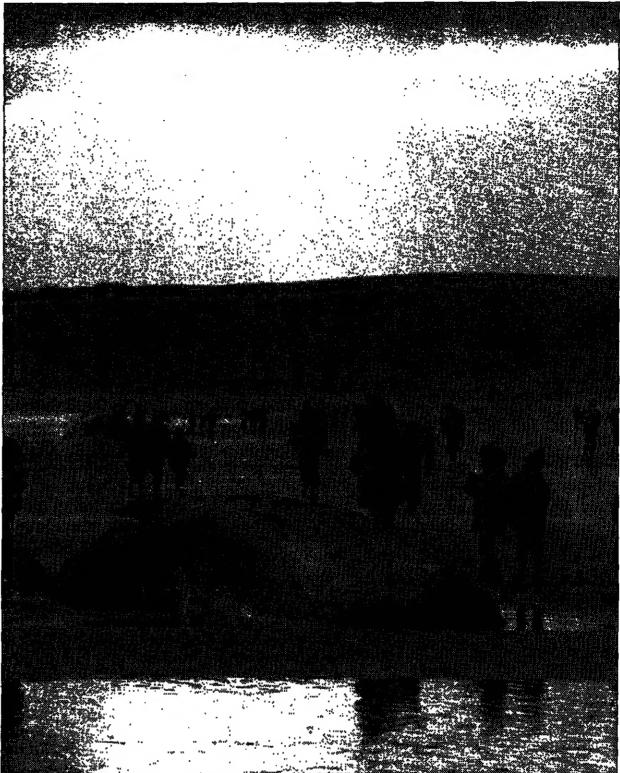
education secretary, denied reports yesterday that Labour would backtrack on its plans to allow parents the chance to ing grammar schools into the comprehensive system.

"Moves to open admission rather than selection must come from the local level," he said. "There will be no central edict, but if there is a debe a ballot of the parents af-fected by the future admis-

sions policy." Last week's internal controversy over Ms Harman has also served to put extra pressure on shadow Treasury on schools and universities an exception to the general rule that Labour will not give specific commitments of higher spending. But in his Guardian article

Mr Blair insists that he will keep education policy at the Turn to page 2, column 7

Harman row, page 4; tion, when the facade began to crack."
Reflecting the end of Tory
Battle for Britain, page 9.



One of six sperm whales which died after being stranded on the beach at Cruden Bay, north of Aberdeen. Coastguards mounted a vigil to ensure that nobody sought to approach the corpses.

## bugged **UN** in Bosnia

Ed Vulliamy

MERICAN secret services, which this week begin their first open operations in Bosnia, have been immersed in the war since its inception - so deeply that at one point they were bugging SAS comman-

dos in the republic.
Sources from within the United States intelligence network have disclosed to the Guardian that US espionage eavesdropped on "secret" communications between SAS scouts operating in Serbheld territory, and the Sara-jevo command of Unprofor, the United Nations military in Bosnia, then under the command of General Sir

Michael Rose. The SAS Forward Air Controllers were in charge of pin-pointing Serbian artillery and tank positions as targets for Nato air strikes against the Serbs near Bihac in late 1994. But the US sources reveal that Unprofor in Sarajevo instructed the SAS to withhold position co-ordinates, thereby

neutralising the air strikes, in defiance of Nato. Uncovering such details by the US intelligence agen-cies, as the Americans became increasingly exasperated with the reluctance of Britain, the Eteropean Union and the UN to take a tough line with the Serbs.

The secret war, page 7

#### **British soldiers** feared dead

THREE British soldiers with the Bosnia peace force were feared dead last night after their vehicle hit a landmine near Mrkonjic Grad in west central Bosnia.

The deaths, if confirmed would be the first British casualties since IFOR went in. Two Portuguese and an Italian were killed last week.

#### **Privatised railways** plan to cut 4,000 jobs

Keith Harper Transport Editor

P TO 4,000 jobs are to be axed by the newly privatised rail compa-nies in an attempt to increase profits, it emerged last night.
A 20 per cent cut in jobs is being planned by the indus-try, which is in the process of being sold off piecemeal. Con-fidential British Rail figures suggest that its labour force will have fallen from 125,000 in 1994 to 25,000 by the end of the year, though many of its staff have transferred to the

transparent to the business units being sold off.

The pattern of job losses is being established by the Wisconsin Transportation Company, which runs the Royal Mail and the royal train, and has just bought BR's three freight companies. It has told the unions it wants to cut jobs from 8,000 to 5,000.

Up to 1,000 jobs are also in jeopardy on South West Trains, a BR subsidiary sold

not take over running passenger services from Waterloo to the West Country until next month, there have been management hints that staff savings will have to be made. A reduction of almost 1,000 jobs amounts to virtually a 4 000 on this railway section. It is an important and largely profitable part of BR's old system, carrying thousands of commuters to destinations such as Salisbury, Southampworking conditions. Passen-

An announcement is ex-pected from Stagecoach in the next few weeks, and the unions are in crucial negotiations with Wisconsin: Lew Adams, leader of the train drivers' union Aslef, said last night: "We have been given these appalling figures by management and

ton, and Exeter.

are still hoping to avert these redundancies. "They will strike at the efficiency of the industry and are totally unreasonable." The three new private pas- privatisation.

Although Stagecoach will senger operating companies take over running passen are Stagecoach, Great Wester services from Waterloo to era Trains and the London, Tilbury and Southend line. They all hoped to take over from BR next week. They have made it clear they cannot guarantee all jobs and will have to review staff total. Brian Wilson, Labour's transport spokesman said: "It is the same old story. The sup-posed miracle of privatisation

> working conditions. Passen-gers and employees will pay the price while shareholders help themselves to profits provided by the taxpayer." Meanwhile, Railtrack executives are to meet the merchant bank Warburg, which is advising the Government, and potential investors to discuss the sale of the track operators this year. The Government wants to float Railtrack in May and is anxious to show the City that it is a good prospect in spite of political uncertainty surrounding

Mr du Pont, one of many heirs to the fortune of the US chemical company that hears his name, is the chief suspect for the murder of a gold med allist wrestler shot on Mr du Pont's estate on Friday.

Police believe a paranoid and delusional Mr du Pont shot Dave Schultz — a champion in the 1984 Los Angeles

Olympics — on his driveway in the latest act of a consistently strange life.
Police talked to the beavily-armed millionaire by telephone yesterday, as reinforcements and officers from an elite team of commandos sur-

Jonathan Freetland In Washington

CCENTRIC millionaire

suspected of murdering

a long siege. They maintained particu-larly tight security around tunnels into the house, fear-ing an escape attempt. Mr du Pont, aged 57, is a skilled marksman and wrestling enthusiast who con-verted his 800-acre estate out-

side Philadelphia into a model training base, with a

14,000 square foot arena, four | out to play".

rounded the house, ready for

an Olympic champion wres-tler, gave himself up last night after a siege at his mansion in Pennsylvania. Mr du Pont was taken to a local police station by a heavily-armed rapid response

John du Pont trains for the US pentathion team in 1966

wrestling mats, an Olympic-sized swimming pool, weight rooms and houses for 50 and left his passenger close to

Du Pont heir gives up after

police siege of mansion

He was the manager of the US pentathlon team for the 1976 games in Montreal. His ambition was to pack the 1996 squad with wrestlers from his Foxcatcher team, with Schultz, who was aged 36, making a comeback. But friends and neighbours, who described him as a How-ard Hughes-like figure, said

his mental state had rapidly deteriorated recently. On Christmas Eve he stunned neighbours when he drove a tank down his drive-way. He emerged, his face bloody, and asked one woman if her husband could "come and left his passenger close to drowning. He told friends he was tak-

ing cocaine and pills, and once accused Schultz of crawling through the walls of his mansion to spy on him.
"The guy was a lunatic, and

everyone knew it and did nothing about it because of his generosity," said Nick Gallo, a close friend of Schultz

Mr du Pont pays wrestlers on his estate a lavish stipend. Speculation rose yesterday that there might have been a sexual motive to the crime. In 1988 a wrestling coach claimed he had been fired be-cause he had rejected sexual advances from Mr du Pont.



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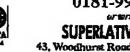
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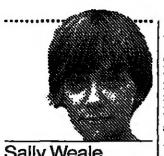






#### Sketch

#### All you need is a band of old



Sally Weale

T was easy enough to find. The tell-tale queue of ageing rockers, their faded denim jackets plastered with badges, their long thinning hair blowing across their faces, gave it away. The Quo were in town. Yesterday saw the launch of Status Quo's 30th anniversary

album in London, and Ann Brownbridge, a mother-of-two from York, did not intend to miss it. In celebration she picked up her imaginary guitar, flung down her head, and demonstrated the Quo dance with brain-bruising gusto. Ann, a factory worker who

sembles hoses for a living, has followed the Quo around the world since 1968, has 750 of their records and queued for four days to see them at Wembley. When they broke up for a brief spell in the 1980s, she was bereft. "It was like a piece had gone out of my life."

Now, 30 years and 110 million record sales since that first meeting between Rick Parfitt and Francis Rossi at Butlin's in Minehead which led to the formation of Status Quo. Ann is as in love with them as ever. Their appeal?

Nice arses." she said. Nice arses they may have, but the real appeal of yesterday's concert at the Brixton Academy was the fact that Status Quo were sharing the stage with none other than the Beach Boys. This was real value for money — not just five old British has-beens with a talent for selling records, but five American ones too. With a collective age of 450, It might have been wise to have a St John Ambulance

team on standby. Even Parfitt and Rossi would have to admit they've seen better days, but the five Quo members looked like fresh-faced children compared with their American cousins They mimed gamely to their joint recording of the Beach Boys' classic Fun Fun Fun for the assembled media. but all eyes were on one man Brian Wilson.

It was a rare outing for the creative genius behind the Beach Boys, After a lifetime of drug abuse, Wilson, aged 53, has spent years hattling to keep his sanity. Yesterday he was in Brixton in body, if not always in mind.

Which is the one that went inquired less than discreetly. As if he had to ask. The tor-tured soul of Brian Wilson is as easy to spot as Francis Rossi's pitifully thin ponytail.

At 6ft 2ins, his hefty bulk swathed in XL anorak, shabby jogging trousers and deck shoes. Wilson is unmistak-able. His face is saggy and pallid, his movements shambling and his conversation can

verge on the incoherent.
For example — so Brian,
what do you think of Status Quo's version of your classic

"They've captured the spirit. They made our '60s re-cord easily listenable in the '90s. That's the whole trick." He stops. So far so good. He starts up again. "Tm so blown out by it, I could scream." Then: "When I get

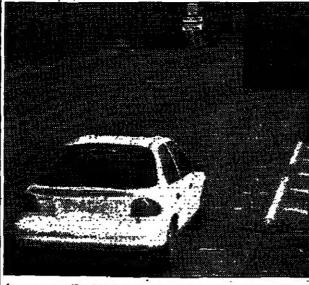
cared I listen to music. "When do you get scared?" comes the question. "Last night," says Brian, his eyes fixed in some private terror. thought the devil wanted to

Wilson is a man who has been to hell and hasn't quite made it back. For him, yester day's appearance was something of a milestone. It's 20 years since he played in Brit-ain with the Beach Boys, and even the journey seemed to have taken its toll.

"I can't just go from LA to London like that," he says. "I have to carry my brain with me. And my medicines. That all I've got." Not long after, he shuffles off backstage, leaving the rest of the band to deal

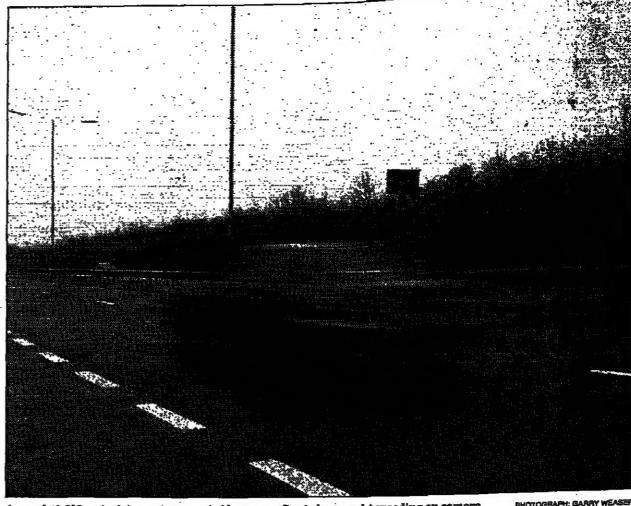
with the press.
Outside with the fans, it's more Fun Fun Fun than inside, despite the Siberian ten peratures. Seventeen-year-old Natalie is still laughing, even though her teeth are chatter-ing and her friend has passed out, he's that cold.

She's not interested in Take That or BoyZone, she likes her pop stars to have staying power. "Bands aren't what they used to be," she says



era on the A505 measuring a car at 60mph in a 40mph limit. It also records date, time and registration number

Speed cameras have reduced accidents and generated revenue from fines. Now local authorities want the money so they can set up more, reports Vivek Chaudhary



#### Councils seek cash to set up more roadside spies

UNDREDS more speed cameras could be on Britain's roads after a request by local authorities posed on motorists caught by

The Association of County Councils and the Association of Chief Police Officers have asked the Home Office to pledge the fine money claimng that while speed cameras have been successful in reducing accidents it will be difficult to set up more or maintain existing ones unless additional funds are made

Speed cameras are set up by local authorities using their own money. With increased pressure on the police to concentrate on more traditional crimes, the cameras have een identified as an effective

way of enforcing speed limits. The Home Office and the Department of Transport nave appointed consultants to look at their effectiveness and the issue of funding. Figures released by Hert

fordshire county council show that cameras along the A505 generated an estimated £250,000 in fine money since

being installed 18 months ago. They have cut accidents by 46 per cent, 60 per cent of all drivers obey the speed limit and around 500 drivers a

month are being prosecuted. Cameras along the A316 in south London have cut accidents by 25 per cent, with average speeds dropping by five to seven miles an hour. Accidents involving personal injury fell by 41 per cent.

In 1994, more than 20,000

motorists were prosecuted after being caught by speed cameras, and around 40,000 were prosecuted last year. That figure is expected to double for this year as more cameras are set up around the A spokesman for Hertford-

shire county council said: "We are discussing the hypothecation of the fine money with the Home Office. At the moment the money goes straight to the Lord Chancel-"Our view is that it should

be redirected to local authorities because maintaining speed cameras is very costly and involves a lot of excess paper work. If some of the money was returned to us it ever, is that speed cameras to introduce speed cameras.

would help us to maintain a should not be seen as a means costly system of cameras." of raising revenue for local A speed camera costs around £28,000 to buy and £15,000 a year to maintain. Around 40 local authorities use them, at locations notorious for speeding or accident

A national working group as also been set up by Gloucestershire county council to discuss the issue

Mike Hellewell, area traffic manager for the county, said: "The national trend is that if ameras are introduced then there's a very good chance there will be a reduction in the fine money was returned to local authorities then it would give us more financial freedom to set up other

Gloucestershire has 14 speed cameras and there has been a 32 per cent reduction in the accident rate. In Oxfordshire, which has 16 cameras, figures show a 30 per cent reduction in personal injury accidents and a 21 per cent reduction in speed

related accidents. What concerns many, how-

of raising revenue for local

authorities.
Robert Jackson, Conservative MP for Wantage, who has raised the issue of redirecting money from fines in the Com-mons said: "As a road safety system speed cameras have been excellent. But what is of concern is that they should not become another revenue source. That would destroy the credibility of the system."

A spokesman for the AA said: "We have been great supporters of speed cameras but they should not be seen as a replacement for police patrols and should not be used to generate revenue.'

According to the AA, speed accounts for 30 per cent of all accidents, causing an estimated 1,000 deaths per year. introduced in 1992.

"It's a system that's in implementation 24 hours per day, no need for meal breaks and it's very productive in terms of the number of people it detects," said Sergeant Peter Smith of the Thames Valley traffic division, one of the first forces in the country.

'As soon as I see the | they were aware they had passed a camera zone and had carnera signs I slow down. I wait until there's no cameras and then I bomb it'

THE statistics might show that speed cameras have been instrumental in reducing accidents, but as far as some drivers are concerned. they are a hindrance, writes

"They just get in the way. Traffic slows down and they make people nervous." said Alan Sheppherd as he pulled into a petrol station on the A40, one of the main routes into London.

"It's like when you see a police car on the road. Cars bunch up and that leads to more problems. It' with the cameras." White boards with a paint-ing of a black box-shaped camera line the A40, warning that speeding will be met with a quick flash followed by a heavy fine. Most drivers pull-

been watching their speed. "They do make you slow down because you know that there's very little you can say in your defence because they've got you on camera."
said Anil Bangar, in a brandnew BMW. "My car can shift
but as soon as I see the camera signs I slow down. I just wait until there's no cameras and then I know I can bomb it. I think that's what most

drivers do. One man, who admitted a speed camera had just flashed as he was making his way home, said: "I think most of the time they just flash but there's no camera inside the box. It's a bit of a con. But they are very effective. I think it's better to have cameras because it gives the police the time to get on with

other things."
Derek Moore who drives along the A40 regularly, said:
"There's a lot of boy racers out there and it's impossible for the police to be every where. I think they should set cameras up along all roads. It would cut accidents and make ing into the petrol sation said | driving a lot safer.

#### First night

#### Snarling back on to the scene

Susan Corrigan

Hanover Grand, London

OR NEARLY two years, circumstance has forced Suede's leader Brett Anderson to keep shtum while rivals such as Blur, Pulp or Oasis capitalised — critically and financially — on the musical agenda set by the singer. While Damon Albarn wrote accomplished three-minute modern Britain, Jarvis Cocker became lovable, and the brothers Gallagher in-dulged their all-lads-together need to turn the whole affair into little more than a willymeasuring contest, Suede

were biding their time. They had little choice. The precocious 19-year-old Richard Oakes, plucked from deep-est Dorset as a replacement for Bernard Butler, who left the band acrimoniously, needed the hiatus to gel with his older, more experienced, song writing partner. While the hype of Britpop burned on in the foreground. Suede fiddled. Saturday's unveiling of the

lean, fighting Suede mark II served impolite notice to the pop cognoscenti, and not be-fore time. Written by Anderson and soundtracked by Oakes, eight new songs un-veiled at this secret gig in central London showed that Suede have made the most of their fallow period. Though these offerings will not appear on record until later this year, an audience of their fan club members appreciated the per-

The pinched, irritated

spectre of Butler loomed heavily, due mostly to the presence of the guitarist's last collaborator, the angel-voiced David McAlmont, among the audience, who hassled him for his opinions and his auto-

A newly rake thin and seemingly healthy Anderson. ed down in the immacu late fitted white shirt and hip sters of yore, looked as if he was back to burn: snarling, performing acts of self-abuse with his microphone, inciting his audience of androgynous teens into a frenzy of Dionysian proportions.

Like the singer, the new compositions are pared-down and direct, and they shock like a slap in the face. The lyricist has refined his approach. Suede's appeal has always stemmed from Anderson's ability to focus on the suffoc ing narcissism of relationships and the deadly importance of adolescent rebellion Still consumed by love and bsession, but using the wis

dom of maturity to make his lyrics simple and direct, Anderson triumphs over his words rather than being so of viously ruled by his thesaurus. If he is carried away, as it She and Lovely Day, this scaraway quality is attribu-table only to the take-off of Anderson's stunning voice. Marry this to the plangent Mick Ronsonism of Oakes's playing, and romps like The Beautiful Ones and Lazy become poison pop singles-to-be signifiers of outsider status.

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Suede's return a comeback -

to their vision. Don't call

that happens this spring.

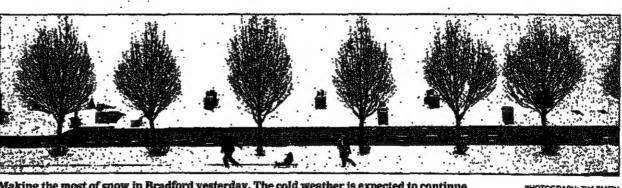
Sarah Ryle, Ian King and John Mullin HE first widespread

power blackouts in 20 years are threatened vesther conditions put unted pressure on the National Grid

The newly privatised National Grid, which nar-rowly avoided blackouts over the weekend, warned the 12 regional electricity compa nies in England and Wales yesterday that cuts of 5 to 10 per cent in power levels might be necessary this after-

The electricity system has managed to escape shutdown by a close margintwice in the ast six months The three main power gen-

erating companies in England and Wales said they were bringing all available plant on line to cope with the record demand, but they were hit by weather-related and see summly problems of their gas supply problems of their own.



Threat of worst blackouts in 20 years

Making the most of snow in Bradford yesterday. The cold weather is expected to continue

running again from 6pm last night after losing half its out- equivalent to electricity for half a million homes over the weekend. High winds indirectly triggered a safety mechanism which shut down part of the plant. It also rushed forward work at another porthern station. Hey

for 250,000 households. Powergen and National Power were asked by the Grid to bring plant out of moth-balls to help to avert the po-tential crisis, which could

make everything available that we can but there is al ways some of the plant which is unavailable and it depends on whether the gas supply is there in full."

company Transco had warned power stations and other big users on special contracts to expect their taps to be turned off because it could own. balls to help to avert the po-Nuclear Electric said its tential crisis, which could Powergen said it had brought Hartlepool power station was have plunged 2 million two oil-fired and one coal-

homes into darkness over the | fired station into use and was | with friends. Neighbours weekend. A National Power | not affected by the interrupt | found Ms Brown, aged 37, ible contracts. Spokesman John Scott said:

British Gas's distribution

"We are hoping to trim back demand a little bit so that noone will lose supply".

Several people died at the weekend because of the cold weather, and temperatures were dropping again last

night after a brief thaw. Most of the fatalities came in car crashes, but one woman, Pauline Brown, a nurse, died after failing to make it to the door of her house in for a walk in a blizzard. Restworkington after a night out cuers risked their lives to the control of the cuers and the cuers and the cuers with a week, with freezing winds up to 35mph blowing in fix Russia, but further snowfa are thought to be unlikely.

found Ms Brown, aged 37, who had taken a taxi home within a foot of her door suffering from hypothermia, but she died 10 hours later in hospital.

One woman died in an accident during snowfalls on the M1 in west Yorkshire, and another was seriously injured in a pile-up on the MI at Haigh, near Wakefield, which police blamed on the weather.

Police were angry with a Derbyshire woman who went for a walk in a blizzard. Res-

release her from chest deer snow in the Peak District. Four climbers missing in treacherous weather overnight turned up safe and well in the Cairngorms, Aviemore.

A men died in north London after his car skidded into the River Les. and divers were searching for a second man believed to have been in

Police closed roads in several regions, with the Borders particularly hard hit. The roads were reopened last night, but officers expected many to be closed again when temperatures drop once more.
The AA and RAC reported

twice as many calls as usual, with drivers slithering off the roads in what they described as hellish conditions. The Government has started to pay cold weather

benefit payments of up to £8.50 to thousands of pensioners and people on income

support.
Cold weather is likely to continue throughout the week, with freezing winds of up to 35mph blowing in from Russia, but further snowfalls

#### Redundancy fears as opportunity board plans budget cuts | Blair backs fast track in schools

THE Equal Opportunities Commission, celebrating 20 years of campaigning for fairness in the workplace, is being forced to consider mass redundancies — amid claims that board members may receive higher payments. The financial crisis, which has prompted threats of industrial action, has been precipi-tated by Treasury cuts which reduce the commission's overall budget by 5 per cent

Negotiations over rival op- | 180 staff, most of whom work tions have added to disagree-ments within the organisa-tion — chaired by a commercial solicitor and former Conservative activist, Kamlesh Bahl — over the po-litical and social priorities of the commission.

Among cutbacks proposed are up to 20 redundancies, closing the EOC's library to the public, slashing by three-quarters grants available for fighting test discrimination cases, and reducing the

uty chairwoman and an increase in the scheduled numher of meetings of part-time commissioners they stand to receive larger

esearch budget.

Bahl said: "We will consider ploys (82.4 per cent) compared
But what has angered the all possible options. There is with men (17.6 per cent).

pay packets, trade union

a process of consultation takat the commission's head office in Manchester, are plans to recruit a second depvices we are obliged to by statute '

More than 80 MPs have

igned an early day motion in Since commissioners are the Commons condemning partly paid by attendance, the cutbacks. But in an amendment to the motion, Ann Winterton, Conservative

continued from page 1 top of his agenda. He chal-lenged the personal decisions of most government ministers

to reject state schools alto-

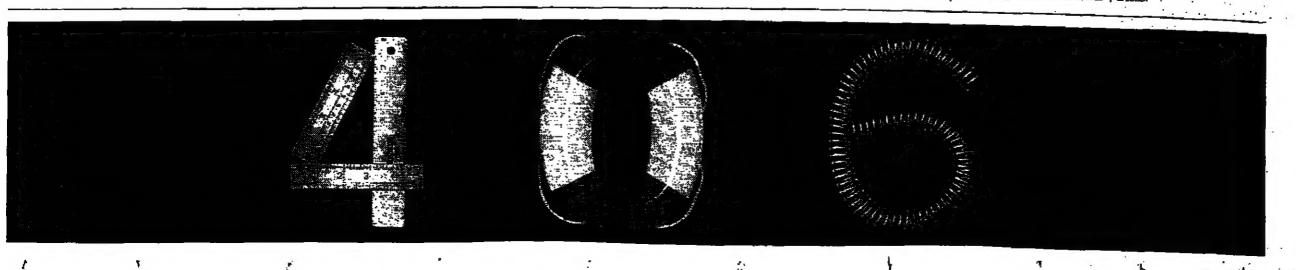
"If a few more Conservative ministers actually used the state sector for their own children, they would come to realise what the real concerns of parents actually are," he

However, Mr Major's per-

tion of local education au-thorities. The Conservatives also believe the breach they also believe the breach they opened in Labour's defences will allow then to extend the charge of Labour hypocrisy right across the board.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Michael Heselting, claimed was a second to the charge of the control of the cont

claimed yesterday that Labour's voting record showed it was traditionally on the side of the villain. Gordon Brown, the shadow chanformance has fuelled pressure | cellor, accused the Conservain the group preparing the Conservative manifesto for low in smears and dirty faster progress towards aboli-





#### **Ethiopians** riot over 'blood bias'

Derek Brown in Jerusalen

SRAELI authorities were sticking yesterday to their policy of destroying most donations to the country's blood bank, despite protests by thousands of Ethiopian immigrants who be-sieged the prime minister's office alleging official racism. Their protest was sparked

by the admission of health officials that almost all Ethiopian blood was destroyed for fear that its use in trans-fusions could spread Aids. Dozens were injured when

police fired tear gas, rubbercoated bullets and water cannon to disperse the frenzied demonstraton. At least 30 police were wounded when the Ethopians hurled stones, at one point threatening to break through the cordon of guards around the building.

The battle lasted several hours. It ended when Shimon Peres, the prime minister, met a delegation of protestors, announcing later that the government would establish a

de spies

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committee of inquiry.

The Israel blood bank is also to insert a line in the form for donors saying that

Mr Peres "apologised in the name of the government and systematic discrimination in on his own behalf, even though none of the government members knew about the disposal of donated blood. State cultivation of years of the cultivation of years of the cultivation of years of the cultivation of the cultivatio His spokeswoman said he praised the Ethiopian

The daily newspaper Ma'ariv, revealed last week that virtually all blood donated by Ethiopians is thrown away. Only donations of the rarest blood groups are

Vivek Chaudhary

said last night.

FIVE-YEAR-OLD boy

who went missing after going out to build a

snowman has been found dead. There were no suspi-cious circumstances, police

A post mortem showed that Damien Williams, who disap-

peared from his home in Middlesborough, Cleveland, on Saturday, died from expo-

sure. A pathologist found

"features consistent with death from hypothermia"

Damien's fully clothed body

was found in the yard of a

derelict house 200 yards from

where he lived after search by

Superintendent Maurice

Jones said it appeared that

Damian had fallen, become

unconscious and died from the cold. Fifty officers had

been detailed to search dis-

used buildings where Damien

was known to play. The

boarded-up Victorian house behind which the body was found had not been entered.

Boy, 5, found

dead from cold

Ephraim Sneh, the health minister, defended the policy, saying it also applied to other high-risk groups, such as ho mosexuals and drug abusers.

Officials said Ethiopians were not told of the policy to save them embarrassment. "We thought that singling out an ethnic group and telling them to go home would be more offensive and embarrassing," an official from the the Jerusalem Post.

There was little sign of embarrassment, more of fury yesterday. "Although our skin is black, our blood is as red as yours and we are just as Jewish as you are," read one banner at the demonstra tion. "Apartheid in Israel" read another.

About 60,000 Ethiopian Jews have come to Israel in recent years. In 1984 and 1991 the government organised airlifts which brought in tens of thousands. More than 500 have been found to be carry-ing the HIV virus — 50 times

The blood donation affair is

form for donors saying that assimilation of such a large medical discretion will group of immigrants from a govern the use of all donated blood.

But for many Ethiopians, it But for many Ethiopians, it is the culmination of years of

The aliya — homecoming — of Ethiopians was stoutly resisted by some orthodox Jewishness of the newcomers Judaism, where religion is interpreted by rabbis or teachers, there are priests or intermediaries in the Ethiopian Jewish tradition. These were specifically rejected by

"The rear yard gate was closed and fastened but not locked," Mr Jones said. "The

walls would have been very

difficult for a five-year-old boy to climb over."

One theory is that Damien got into the yard but was un-able to get out. The walls are

Mr Jones said there were no

signs of a struggle. It was

hoped that clues could be found from prints in the snow.

brothers and sisters, was

afternoon.

Damien, who has three



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And the winners are . . . (clockwise from top left) Kristin Scott-Thomas, named best actress for Angels and Insects; Jonathan Pryce, who took the best actor prize, with co-star Emma Thompson in Carrington; veteran director Lewis Gilbert, who received a special award; and Alan Bennett, best screenwriter for The Madness of King George

## They're mad about King George but not about Nigel

Michael Ellison Arts Correspondent

"HE film version of Alan Bennett's play.
The Madness of King
George, last night carried
off almost half the prizes at reported missing by his mother Patricia on Saturday A neighbour, Andrew Thomas, whose children played with Damian, said the the only cinema awards ex-clusively for British films. The only surpise was that Nigel Hawthorne failed to his home well and often played in the back alleys. win the Evening Standard best actor award for his performance in the film, which would not have been

"He was quieter than his brothers and he'd rather play on his own. made without him.

Bennett, who took the prize for best screenplay, said: "I couldn't imagine doing it with anyone else "He was always out on the streets or in the back alleys -I think he preferred it in the alleys, and people were always shouting at him to get

such a happy experience."
The writer fought the movie's American producers to keep Hawthorne. The 66-year-old, who reached a wider audience through his role as Sir Humphrey in television's Yes Minister. won an Oscar nomination last year for his King George performance and on the basis of last night's rejection rivals Salman Rushdie for the awards season's loser of the year title. Bennett said: "Without Nigel Hawthorne's tran-

scendent performance, the at last year's Cannes film king could have been just a festival for the movie about gabbling bore and his fate a matter of indifference."

Mirren, early in the shoot that he did not think he was doing terribly well.

The Madness of King George, which started life as a National Theatre play, also with Hawthorne in the lead, took two more of the Standard's eight prizes, for best film and for cinematography (Andrew Dunn). The best actor award went to Jonathan Pryce for

his performance as Lytton Strachey in Carrington. Pryce won the same prize the Bloomsbury set and the relationship between Stra-However, Hawthorne did chey and the artist, Dora

Emma Thompson. Kristin | most successful British pro-Scott-Thomas was named best actress for the second ear running, this time for Angels and Insects. She Funeral.

In Angels and Insects, Scott-Thomas plays a dour character called Matty who ecomes involved with an entomologist. Sinister goings-on quickly develop. Danny Boyle, the 29-year-old director who has been lumbered with the tag of Britain's Quentin Tarantino, was named most promising newcomer at the event, held at the Savoy. His £1 million debut,

and co-writer of Funny duction at the box-office over the past year and his Bones, collected the Peter Sellers Award for Comedy. next movie, Trainspotting, is one of the most talked won last year for her part about of the year, a month in Four Weddings and A before it is released. Shallow Grave is a thriller about three Edin-

burgh flatmates who dis-cover a case full of cash beside the corpse of a fellow lodger.
Boyle, who spent five years directing at the Royal

course, but the film doesn't | recognition of his contribunot expect to win the Oscar | Carrington, played by Shallow Grave, was the | choose to look at them."

It was presented to him by Leslie Caron. who starred in the film. Funny Bones, which is set in 1950s Blackpool, has put the comedian. Lee Evans, on the verge of stardom in America. Chelsom

previously directed Hear My Song. The veteran director. Court before moving into Lewis Gilbert, whose films television drama, said: "I include Reach For the Sky. suppose Shallow Grave is cruel, but then life can be cruel and cold. "There are Pride and Educating Rita, other sides of life, of received a special award in

tion to British film-making.

#### Troops row puts £4bn aircraft deal with Emirates in jeopardy

David Fairhall Defence Correspon

As BILLION contract to supply the United Arab Emirates with long-range strike aircraft seems to be slipping from Britain's grasp because London will not agree to put British troops under local Arab command.

The requirement of the deal is to supply the Gulf Emirates with a force of 80 bombers. Britain is offering refur-bished Tornados, similar to those flown by the RAF, with a view to replacing them later with the Eurofighter 2000, which is under development

which is under development in partnership with Germany, Italy and Spain.
But in spite of a flying visit to the Gulf by the Defence Secretary, Michael Portillo, when he proposed despatching a pair of Tornados for desert trials, the UAE apparently prefers French or American aircraft. with a American aircraft, with a Russian bomber also in

contention. Arab source close to the "The United States and I tiations said yesterday.

France are at the top of the list", an official UAE source said yesterday. "Russia has a small chance, and Britain is out of the race."

The sticking point as far as Whitehall is concerned seems to be the Gulf Emirates' insistence that British troops serving in the UAE, either to support the Tornado sale or deployed under the terms of a memorandum of understanding currently being negotiated, should come under local command. Mr Portillo is reported to have declared this unacceptable, although the Arabs claim the French have agreed to such demands.

If this proves to be the case,

British Aerospace, the UK partner in the tri-national Tornado programme, will be deeply disappointed. The contract is not only immensely valuable in its own right, but would open the door to lucra-tive longer-term markets for the Eurofighter. "Sharing and mixing is still

a possibility," an official Arah source close to the necoNew court hearing today as child bride pledges that Turkey is now her home

except him. He made it all

Sally Weale

HE High Court in London is due to consider again today the fate of the 13-year-old girl who married a Turkish waiter in an illegal Muslim ceremony. after efforts over the weekend failed to persuade her to Sarah Cook, from Brain-

tree. Essex, is refusing to leave the Turkish town of Kahramanmaras, where her 18-year-old "husband" is in jail facing a charge of statutory rape after their marriage three weeks ago. Yesterday, in an apparent show of defiance, she kissed

the Koran to illustrate her

love for her adopted country.

Sarah, who married with

her parents' consent, has had again and is expected to hear two weekend meetings with a report from Essex social serher "husband", unemployed waiter Musa Komeagac. Before the first, she made clear her desire to stay. "I love Musa, I love his family, I love

I'm staying, says Sarah

this country. I don't want to go back," she said. Her mother Jackie Cook, aged 37, and British diplo-mats have been trying to con-vince Sarah she should leave Turkey following a High Court hearing last Wednesday during which she was made a ward of court and ordered to return forthwith.

There were reports yester-day that Mrs Cook was making arrangments to fly back to Britain, but the Foreign Office said that as far as they were aware, Mrs Cook was still with her daughter and Sarah had shown no change

"It's for Sarah to chance her mind or for her parents to persuade her," a Foreign Office spokesman said. Today Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division, will consider the case

a report from Essex social services. Sarah's father, Adrian Cook, aged 42, may also be

called to give evidence. The High Court order is not legally enforceable in Turkey. Other options the judge might consider are a request to the Foreign Office to make representations to the Turkish government, or to the police, who could make an approach to police in Turkey.

In addition to Sarah's per-sonal wishes, she is under some pressure to remain in Turkey to appear as a witness in Komeagac's case, which has been adjourned until Feb-

ruary 15. Such is the level of local feeling that when Sarah walks in the town she has made her home, she is mobbed by supporters who applaud and give her pre-sents. Turkish supporters have laid a bouquet of carnations in front of the British consulate in Istanbul with the message "Tolerance for Love", urging that she should be allowed to stay in Turkey.

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"No, no," Mirror editor Piers Morgan cries, raising his hands defensively. "I'm certainly not plunging up-market. Nobody who's read the paper since I took over can really believe that." He is right. Since he arrived from the Sun in November, at the tender age of 30, there has been no hint of an upwards plunge. Rather, the evidence is that he is trying to out Sun the Sun, with louder headlines, rafts of royal "exclusives", acres of show-business coverage and front-page pictures calculated to shock.

Michael Leapman G2 page 8

#### **News** in brief

#### **Bishops defend** lottery 'fun'

THREE of the four winners of this week's £40.22 million doublerollover National Lottery jackpot claimed their prizes yesterday. The organisers, Camelot, were still waiting for the fourth to contact them as two bishops backed the Prime Minister in saying the lottery was not harmful.

Each winner will receive £10,055,900. The winning numbers were 16, 17, 38, 41, 42 and 43. The bonus number was 28. Camelot estimates that good causes will benefit to the tune of £34

The Bishop of London, Richard Charters, yesterday described the lottery as "pantomime fun". The Bishop of Salisbury. David Stancliffe, said the churches had "missed the public mood" in criticising the lottery for encouraging greed and gambling addiction. John Major said there had been "mis-taken" criticisms that it was promoting a climate of greed.

#### Shoppers' plastic spree

SHOPPERS are making greater use of debit cards, according to figures released yesterday by the Credit Card Research Group. Total spending last year with credit cards topped £41 billion, 15 per cent more than in 1994, while debit cards totalled £28 billion,

an increase of almost 26 per cent.

The figures showed that consumers still tended to pay for more expensive goods and services with credit cards. The average transaction with a credit card amounted to £45.58 against £28 with

#### 'Blobby' church window to go

SHERBORNE Abbey has won a five-year legal battle to remove a decaying Victorian stained glass window, designed by Pugin in 1851, and described by the vicar as "a collection of Mr Blobbies". A church appeal court, sitting on Saturday at St Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, London, upheld last year's decision by a consistory court that the Dorset parish may replace the window with a contemporary work by a local artist. John Hayward.

The vicar, Eric Woods, said he was delighted at the decision and

the church would now get "a more worthy" window. The Pugin window will be dismantled and put into store at the Worshipful Company of Giaziers. The Victorian Society had fought the move to remove the window at every stage. — Maer Kennedy

#### Canteen price inflation

THE number of workplace canteens has fallen drastically over the past decade and meal prices had gone up above the rate of inflation, a survey by the Labour Research Department disclosed yesterday. Most employers only gave staff 30 minutes for lunch, the survey found.

The average price of a cup of tea had gone up by 21 per cent since 1991 — from 14p to 17p — while inflation increased by 14 per cent. A cup of coffee jumped 19 per cent, from 18p to 19p, The average snack meal had jumped 40 per cent, from 65p to 91p, while a main meal now cost £1.54 compared to £1.19 in 1991 — 29 per cent more. In more than half the 218 workplaces surveyed, the main meal break at lunchtime was just 30 minutes. Only one in five workers got an hour.

#### Call for 'city regions'

"IFTY-THREE new "city regions" should be the cornerstones of a estructured local government system for Britain, administered y a regional civil service, the City Region Campaign, a pressure roup for reform, said yesterday. These would include Leeds, tradford, Manchester, Birmingham, Coventry, Wolverhampton, nd Glasgow, while a region based on Plymouth would include all ornwall and west Devon.

. Two paid elected members from every parliamentary constituoncy would be members of the new authorities, which would etermine policy on education, housing, social services, and ther areas of local anyernment, but leave smaller district counds to carry them out. — James Metile

#### IV advert 'violent'

.N advertisement in which a rugby player was shown having his ead kicked off was upsetting to children, the Independent Televiion Commission rules today. Complaints from 22 viewers gainst the commercial, for Golden Wonder Nik Naks crisps, ere upheld by the commission, which warned advertisers gainst showing apparent dismemberment at times when chil-

ren could be viewing.

The advertisement showed a rugby player balancing a ball sady for a goal kick, but having his head kicked off rather than se ball. Complainants found the treatment excessively violent nd two reported distress among children. Complaints about devision advertising increased in 1995, the commission said, effecting an increasing tide of consumer protest. It said 3,432 amplaints had been received (upheld in relation to 57 advertisements), compared to 3,317 (52 upheld) in 1994. — Andrew Culf

#### Jownwardly mobile in Britain

OCIAL mobility measured by income may be greater in Britain nan in the United States, university researchers claim today. Ithough the US was traditionally seen as the land of opportunity a contrast to class bound Britain, there was preliminary evience that the reverse may now be the case. However, the study shows that income mobility in Britain is far

fore likely to be downward than upward: the odds against omebody in the poorest fifth of the population rising within a ear to the richest fifth are put at 800 times worse than somebody taying in the richest fifth. The research has been undertaken by tephen Jenkins and Sarah Jarvis, of the Economic and Social lesearch Council's centre on micro-social change at Essex

They found "substantial" mobility up and down the income idder. However, the mobility tends to be short range, rather than f a rags-to-riches nature. — David Brindle

#### Ronay warns on tips

HE food critic Egon Ronay has warned consumers that the regulation of restaurant tips could be little more than a recipe for icreased meal prices. He has fiercely attacked a peer's plan for viping service and cover charges off restaurant bills.

The Earl of Bradford, whose private member's bill has been ndorsed by the Lords, says outlawing hidden extras will make astaurant bills clear for diners. His plans, which will bring

iritain into line with the rest of Europe, have been backed by the consumers' Association. But, in a letter to The Times, Mr Ronay ays he is far from convinced that regulating tipping will improve he lives of poorly-paid restaurant staff, or of diners. "It's a jodsend excuse to increase prices."

#### Smokecloak Limited

A DIARY item on January 17 referred to a malfunctioning "smoke cloak" alarm at the premises of a Slough computer company. Smokecloak Limited of Milton Keynes, which has registered Smokecloak as a trademark and produces the fully patented security device Smokecloak, has asked The Guardian to make clear that the alarm in question was not one of its products. which in any case incorporate a range of safety devices to prevent the sort of incident which was described in the Diary.

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## Harman row over double standards gives Major something to smile about

The battleground

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programme down by welfare

Scottish parliament within 3

raising powers. Set up Welsh

years of election with tax

Remove voting rights of .

Hold referendum on electors

Rights balanced by duties.

Bring £80bn welfare state

Introduce a growth and

for the super rich,

to work package.

hereditary peers. Introduce Freedom of

Information Act.

system for Commons

Patrick Wintour, Chief Political Correspondent

HE BATTLE lines of the election campaign began to emerge this weekend as John Major and Tony Blair set out their central programmes in the wake of the furious row over Harriet Harman's decision to send her son to a selective grammar school.

Writing in the Guardian today. Tony Blair claims: There are two futures for Britain. The Tories offer a Britain split into two tiers, with affluent communities turned into private fortresses against the world outside. abour offers the vision of Britain as one nation."

John Major promised in the Sunday Telegraph that the return of the feelgood factor promised better Tory times ahead. "I like elections. I am and feeling much happier

His happiness, in part, stems from the breakthrough he achieved at Westminster over education but also from a greater coherence in Tory high command over how to attack Labour.

Central Office has been wrestling with three options. The first, supported by the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke. is to claim Labour is nothing but a mass of soundbites and not equipped for the serious

business of government.
The second is the so-called Coca-Cola strategy — to claim that New Labour is only a pale imitation of the Conservatives and the electorate would be wise to stick with the real thing. The third and more traditional strategy, backed by the Prime Minister, is to argue that real policy water still lies between the

John Carvel

HE seeds of Tony Blair's plan to reform

comprehensive educa-

brightest children were

planted last summer when his shadow cabinet col-

league, David Blunkett, vis-ited a Shropshire school



John Major: 'sniffing the wind'

voured more than another, it is the third. That explains the Tory decision to claim Mr Blair's policy of a stakeholder economy was a return to corporatism, rather than a pale imitation of the Tory vision of a shareholder economy.

In detail, Mr Major seems determined to highlight three threats from Labour - its economic policies, its plans for the constitution and Labour values, notably its persistent belief in equality,

where two elever 15-year-

olds were being groomed for early success at A-level

sive in Oswestry, which has almost trebled the percent-

age of pupils getting good

seven years. He was not deterred by

the fact that one of the

school's most influential

governors is Sarah Biffen.

an aspiring Tory candidate and wife of John Biffen, the former Conservative Leader of the Commons.

who yesterday poured cold water on the Labour

Blunkett undeterred as governor

pours cold water on scheme

One Nation. Attack Labour None of these strategies is the state and a new ingredition of these strategies is the state and a new ingredition of these strategies is the state and a new ingredition of these strategies is the state and a new ingredition of these strategies is the state and a new ingredition of these strategies is the state and a new ingredition of these strategies is the state and a new ingredition of these strategies is the state and a new ingredition of these strategies is the state and a new ingredition of these strategies is the state and a new ingredition of the phrase first utilities of the state and a new ingredition of the phrase first utilities of the state and a new ingredition of the phrase first utilities of the state and a new ingredition of the phrase first utilities of the

> Michael Heseltine conceded pact. "As yet their living standards have been subject to the ... pressure to win that battle

On the economy, the Conwill be the umbrella slogan to

memory of tax rises.
The Deputy Prime Minister the Government's economic message had made little im-

conjure up an image of a deregulated economy free from rule by Brussels. Labour will argue modernising supply side reforms, such as higher school standards and a more effective

welfare state, are vital. Chris Smith, the shadow social security secretary, said he was interested in the principle of one-off revenue-rais-

parents, back into work. He was also "passionately committed to the universal payment of child benefit raised the prospect of its tax-ation at the higher rate. Trailing his pension reforms, he suggested establishing a funded savings scheme, as op-

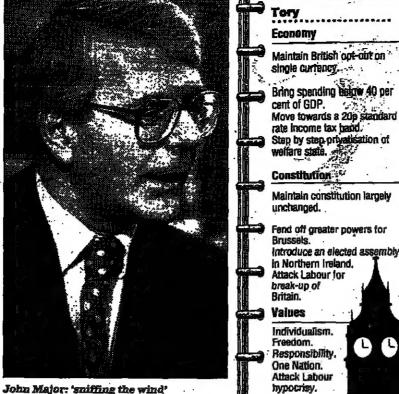
second tier pensions.
On the constitution, Mr Major believes his instincts are closer to those of the voters than Mr Blair's. He is ex ing schemes to kick start pro-grammes designed to help Secretary Michael Forsyth is

posed to pay as you go, for

groups, such as single | attacking the issue of the Tartan Tax, Labour's plans to give its Scottish parliament tax raising powers. The Conservatives have al-

Tony Blair: 'one nation vision'

ready attacked Mr Blair personally, including his voting record on issues such as crime. The weekend posters with the slogan Do as I say, Not as I do alongside a picture of Mr Blair and Ms Harman Labour hypocrisy and moral humbug.



servatives are hoping this year's rise in living standards - the first since the end of the recession - will erase the

more older according to their ability and interest in

particular subjects. Mr Blunkett said: "This

is very radical. It is the antidote to selection. The

problem with selection is that it excludes the vast

## How school put Labour on to the learning fast track

at different ages by offering pupil-centred education which builds on pupils' strengths at all times in their educational development" their

tion by hot-housing the Marches mixed comprehen- approach will deal with dif- into a systematic policy for

city.
"He has blown what we do out of all proportion."

Two boys took their maths GCSE two years ahead of Mrs Biffen said she could schedule in 1994. They maths.

Mr Blunkett was intrigued by the potential of the experiment at The same academic ability. Our maths and success at A-level problem with selection is an ability of the selection is an arrangements for bringing this summer when the on bright children at The same academic ability. Our marches could translate group did GCSE.

But both boys had stayed

side children a year or | ferent achievement levels | accelerated learning at | in the same class as their sink schools in the inner contemporaries. Their extra tuition had been given voluntarily. "I reckon the secret of the school is its location on a good site, the Shropshire veneration for education and strong leadership from the head, supported by a dedicated staff. You can't transport that wholesale

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David Blunkett: selection

## scheme. The idea has developed into the proposal which Mr Blair will announce today for introduction of "accelerated learning" in secondary schools, allowing children to be grouped in sets for different subjects according to ability and interest, rather than by age. The alm would be to stretch the most gifted pu-David Blunkett: selection stretch the most gifted pu-excludes the vast majority pils by placing them along-**Bouncing up** to A-level PE

DOUBLE somersault on the trampoline or run-ning rings around the opposition's central defender could now earn students more than just a little praise from the games teacher, writes John Carvel.

John Carriel.

The ups and downs of academic life will get a new dimension this year when the Associated Examining Board gives marks for sporting ability in its physical education A

In an attempt to add an extra bounce to the curricu-lum, the board, one of the biggest in the country, will give 71/2 per cent of the total marks for trampolining skills in addition to the existing options of athletics, gymnastics and This A

swimming. Another 7% per cent will be awarded according to stu-dents' abilities in team games. In this section football, rugby, cricket and netball are to be added to bad-minton, basketball, hockey and tennis which have been options since the course was first offered in 1986.

The football students will be scored in part according to their ability to dribble, shoot and head the ball. There will also be more theoretical work such as analysis of famous games and study of hooligan behaviour.

The new course rules have

been approved by the School

Authority and will be available to students starting their two-year A level course in

George Turnbull, spokes-man for the board, said last night that there was no question of diluting the academic rigour of A levels.

The new options were part of a streamlining of the syllabus to combine the physical education and sports studies exams which about 14,000 students were expected to take in

Students preferring not to seek 15 per cent of their marks according to their ability on field or track would be able to write a 3,000-word "This A level has gon

through a very strict pilot phase since it was first intro-duced in 1986," Mr Turnbull said. "It is very much an academic subject, like any other A level it provides the miss ing link between the physical education GCSE taken by 68,000 students last year and the physical education degree

Oxford University awarded a place on the basis of a physical education A level as far cation was now widely ac-cepted. Both independent and state schools offered the course. "It fits in with the Prime Minister's idea for a sports academy," Mr Turn Curriculum and Assessment | bull said.



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### **Minister** puts cost of old age at £40,000

David Brindle, Social

EOPLE should budget to spand up to £40,000 on residential or nursing home care in their old age, John Bowis, the junior health minister. Such a bill was "manage-

able" for most people and their families in view of the realisable assets in increased home ownership, he said. The Institute for Public Pol-

icy Research, the left-of-cen-tre think tank, today pub-lishes a report on the mounting costs of long-term care for elderly and chronically ill people.

The issue is causing con-

cern across the political spec-trum. Many Conservative MPs are worried by the num-ber of consistsuents being forced to sell their homes to meet care costs.

Mr Bowls said on The World This Weekend on BBC Radio 4 that there was nothing new in people being asked to pay towards their care. What had changed was that people were living longer and more owned their own homes. "For most people, if you take the average stay in a nursing home of some two

**Funding Long Term Care** 

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residential care home of three years, the cost is perhaps £30,000-£40,000. For most people, that's a manageable sum out of their income perhaps topped up by family." Some people who stayed longer in care homes did face a "real problem", he said. The Government had announced measures, and were consult-

From April people who have personal assets, including property, of £16,000 or less will fall within the limit for state support through the community care system. This doubles the previous limit.

For the longer term, ministers are consulting on the

idea of partnership schemes with the pensions and insur-ance industries. One sugges-tion is that the state should take over care costs after per-

haps three years. Mr Bowis denied that local outhorities were getting insufficient funds to run the system. But Tad Kubisa, president of the Association of Directors of Social Services, said: "We have cut our ad ministrative support to the point where administrators are not there to support our frontline workers."

**Eriend Clouston** 

ETECTIVES may ex-hume a corpse in an at-tempt to solve one of

Scotland's most enduring and

notorious murder mysteries.

Strathclyde police yester-day refused to confirm or deny a weekend report that

they will shortly take swabs

from the remains of a man

they suspect was "Bible

- an enigmatic, Scrip-

Mr Bowis said government funding was fair, and most authorities were coping well. There are a few who, either because of incompetence or occasionally ideological reasons, are not getting the best value for money for the resources the taxpayer gives them. The people who suffer then are local people who don't have the home support or residential care support that they need."



Heading back . . . Three of the 1,600 rockers who turned the clock back to the 50s and 60s on Saturday for the 13th annual Rockers' Reunion at Battersea Arts Centre, London, which attracted enthusiasts from Europe, the United States and Japan.

## over whales

vigil

OASTGUARDS last night momted a vigil on six 25-foot sperm whales which died after being stranded on Cruden Bay beach, north of Aberdeen.

It is believed five of the mammals may have died while trying to escort a sick whale as it headed towards shallow water. One of the whales was still alive but whales was still alive but died before a vet arrived.

Auxiliary coastguards remained at the site throughout the night to make sure no-one tried to remove the

whales, a protected species under 1994 regulations. The whales are beached on soft sand which would hamper attempts to remove them using heavy lifting equipment.

If they are buried on the beach it is understood a fence would have to be erected around the huge grave to protect within the first production. tect public health.

Sylvester Hay, an inspector with the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and one of the first people at the scene, said: "It appears the dominant whale in the school had been ill and came in so close to shore that it became stuck on a sandbank and could not return to

the deeper water.
"The other whales appear to have followed it in and also became stuck. We would have tried everything to save them remembered by Jeannie and if we could.

"It is not that common for sperm whales to wash ashore, certainly not in this area." The reason whales become grounded on beaches or trapped in rockpools and small inlets remains a mys-

**Birth defects prompt new** 

MoD look at Gulf syndrome

David Fairhall **Defence Correspondent** 

AFRESH effort to isolate the medical causes of Gulf war syndrome will be an-Ministry of Defence, under tablets and insectic pressure from veterans who ministered to troops.

Surgeon General, Vice-Admi-Royal College of Physicians, at which the next steps in the three-year-old investigation were discussed. Among those present was Professor Sir Colin Berry, a specialist in birth defects from the Royal London Hospital.

The main outcome is extended official negligence could also be proved. Solicitors with up to 600 similar cases on their books were asked last week to encourage more of their clients to come forward. But the law-

The main outcome is excal, epidemiological study to try of denying access to their establish whether the clients' medical records.

instance of illnesses suffered by veterans since 1991 is disproportionate and may there fore be directly linked to their Gulf service. The prime suspect among many possible causes is the "cocktail" of vaccinations, anti-nerve gas tablets and insecticides ad-

suspect their children's birth defects can be traced back to it.

The initiative follows a war. MoD doctors have so far About 51,000 British men meeting of medical specialists examined 350 veterans, with convened last week by the illnesses ranging from fatigue to cancer, without accepting ral Tony Revell, and the the existence of a Gulf war Royal College of Physicians, syndrome that might justify

to come forward. But the law yers have accused the miniscompany early on October 31, 1969, have strengthened links between her death and an ex-Scots Guardsman turned fur-niture salesman who had figured in early police inquiries Genetic tests on relatives of the man, who committed sui-

cide in 1980, have proved The police are now said to have applied to the procurator-fiscal for permission to disinter his body, buried in a Lanarkshire cemetery. Superintendent Louis

Munn said yesterday: "After

ture-quoting figure popularly linked with the killings of three Glasgow women.
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Corpse may hold clue to killer 'Bible John'

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THE lost court jester of the Cotton Factory Times, the Lancashire cotton which had been founded in the Lancashire cotton industry has been res-cued from historic obscurity by Manchester academ ics intrigued by his weaving of primitive car-toons with dialect politics. Sam Fitton was celebrated

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## Swazi king calls out his warriors as unions refuse to end strike

Chris McGreal in Manzini,

HE King of Swaziland has threatened to call out his warriors to put down a week-long general strike aimed at taking the monarchy out of politics and introducing elected

Accusing union leaders of plotting his overthrow, an angry King Mswati III ordered his subjects at the weekend to return to work today or face the wrath of his regiments, which he told to prepare for war. Trades union leaders have

repeatedly said that the protest — the longest strike in the tiny aimed at the monarchy as an institution, which remains widely popular among the traditionalist Swazis. They insist that their sole aim is to drag the country into line with all others in the region by pressmg for democracy. Yesterday parliament

that it should lift the han on political parties. Jani Sithole, ecretary-general of the Federation of Trade Unions, said until the government lifted

The response to the king's call will test his standing among his subjects who are. unusually, accusing him of abuse of power and an extrav-

Deeply attached though Swazis are to the monarchy, King Mswati, aged 27, prorokes differing opinions. His weekend appearance

before his warriors, with red feathers in his hair, a spear in his hand and a leopard skin was on open ground at the bleak royal kraal. It is a far cry from the splendour of the alace he has fitted with a glass swimming pool and disco, and filled with luxury cars that have come to symbolise the public doubts about royal authority.

Swazis know where the money comes from. It is either the national treasury, or the royal business interests which dominate the economy. Meanwhile most people getting poorer and cor-



King tested . . . Mswati III, wearing traditional headdress, speaks to his people during the 25th independence anniversay celebrations three years ago

cept the existence of organisa

The rot set in before King Mswati came to power as a teenager in 1986. But he continues to defend the political system introduced after his father, King Sobhuza II, imposed a state of emergency in 1973 when three parliamentary seats were won by opposition candidates. The Westminster-style con-

stitution introduced at independence from Britain five years earlier was acrapped political parties were banned and MPs were effectively appointed by the monarchy. Under pressure at home and from foreign donors, including Britain, King Mswati

finally allowed direct elec-tions for 55 of the 95 seats in 1993. But political parties remain banned and candi-dates are not allowed to campaign. The king continues to appoint the cabinet and prime minister and to rule through royal councils.

Even minor concessions are too much for some in the royal fold who have everything to lose. The king will always be provided for but the latest prime minister, Prince Mbilini Dlamini, is typical of members of a clan who fear that giving way to family make large amounts of money from business interrecognised as the de facto Mr Shongwe said: "People want a constitutional monests and monopolies of trade in rural areas which they con-

trol virtually as feudal lords. arch who is above politics. Dozens of the king's half-brothers and sisters and a retinue of other relatives hold jobs in the civil service. But the writing is on the wall. Even though political parties are banned. King Mswati has been forced to ac-

ects want the kind of change tions such as the People's borders, where Nelson Man-Democratic Movement. It cannot hold meetings and its dela has made clear his disdain for Swaziland's st



East Timor rebels killed

Captain Djoko Purwadi, spokesman of the military command in East Timor, was quoted as saying that five of the rebels were shot dead on Friday in clashes with troops near Dilor in the Viguegue regency, south-east of the capital Dill. The sixth rebel was killed in a military merching on Thursday at A trache in the

had surrendered, in the past 10 months. — AP, Jaharta.

#### Separatist to govern Quebec

Bouchard's role could be decisive. Claire Trevena in Toronto writes

HE most popular politician in Quebec, the sep-aratist leader Lucien Bouchard, is to be sworn in as the province's premier today. The ceremony comes in the wake of a poll which shows that 60 per-cent of Quebeckers believe the province will become a sovereign state within 10 years. The hope of seces-sionists is that with someone of Mr Bouchard's stature and popularity leading the provincial Parti Québécois, any future referendum on autonomy will be approved by

There was no race to take over from Jacques Parizeau, the pro-secession who resigned after blaming the loss of October's independent on "the

ethnic vote". . . . Once it was known that Mr Bouchard, who led the separatists in the federal parliament, was interested in the job no one doubted he would

But Mr Bouchard, whose smooth political skills and vibrant personality increased year's independence pollbringing it within one per centage point of victory — is adopting a low key approach.

Canada is still the goal, but echoing the respondents to the poll, an ultimate rather First Mr Bouchard, who

has never played provincial politics, will have to improve Quebec's economy. And like provincial leaders across the country his priority is reduc-ing the province's \$5 billion (£2.4 billion) deficit.

"We are crushed by an unacceptably heavy load of debt." he said last week in his nomination speech in the constituency which is sure to elect him to the provincial legislature. "With our expenses we

haven't yet been able to control the deficit, which means we've borrowed and mortgaged the future of our children to buy the groceries." Opponents of Mr Bouchard

have long envisaged the scenario: the separatist politileader, makes swingeing cuts | the country.

to Quebec's much cherished social programmes for the take of the deficit, and swiftly sheds his hero's cloak.

That may be unlikely, be-cause of Mr Bouchard's immense popularity, but there will inevitably be friction when the hero comes home Mr Bouchard will be able to

blame the cuts his govern-ment will enact on the mismanagement of the previous Liberal government in Quebec and on the present deficit-cutting Liberal federal government in Ottawa. He is revered in the prov

coutimi, in northern Quebec, he has come back as the embodiment to save the

servative Party to form the in-dependence seeking Bloc Québecois at the national level, and led it to a sweeping vic-

He led his party to a sweeping victory in the last national election

tory in the last national elec-tion. Its success made him leader of the federal

in Ottawa he refused to live in Stornaway, the house reserved for the opposition leader, preferring to stay across the river in Hull,

Now in Quebec City he is sion occupied by his predecessor, Mr Parizeau, preferring something a little less

Although he initially talked of the possibility of another independence referendum in 1997, that date is no longer being mentioned. He will need a new mandate to call another referendum.

The federalists in Ottawa are already gearing up for the recriminations and fall out from the last vote, the Ottawa government was accused of being unprepared for the sep-

A cabinet reshuffle last week brought in a number of new names from Quebec, including two who are not elected MPs, to work out a cian becomes provincial strategy for the province and

### 'Harridan' Hillary gives Bill hard time

in Washington

HLARY CLINTON is a harridan with a dark side who humiliates her husband by scolding him in public, White House aides were reported to have told an American magazine yesterday. "Mrs Clinton has been

known to berate her hus-band in front of staff in what some aides consider a shocking display of disre-spect," US News and World Report claimed.

In a report based on in-terviews with former and current White House advisers, the magazine depicts Mrs Clinton as directing her flerce temper at Bill

"How could you be so damn stupid?" she is said to have shouted at him last year, allegedly criticising him for becoming too mired in leglislative battles. Witnesses were paralysed with embarrassment, US News



Hillary Clinton: her poll ratings are at a record low

Mrs Clinton was "liable to shout when something goes wrong, and that her aides feared setting her off. The damaging report is

the latest blow to Mrs Clinton, who had a four-hour interrogation about the Whitewater affair by a federal grand jury last Friday. aid.

It was the first time a First
The conservative news Lady had been summoned magazine reported that to such a hearing.

vesterday found that half America believes Mrs Clinton is not telling the truth shoot Whitewater, Her ratings are the lowest ever for a First Lady, and she is the only one to enjoy less public esteem than her husband.

The White House press secretary. Mike McCurry, acted quickly to dismiss the US News portrait of Mrs Clinton, which he said was wildly inaccurate".

He said: "A lot of this smacks of second and thirdhand accounts of people who probably resented her role at the White House." But the magazine por-trait does match other accounts. In 1993 secret service bodyguards reportedly saw Mrs Clinton throwing an object -- either a lamp or a Bible -- at her husband during a row in their

Mrs Clinton has denied the episode, and rejected claims that she sought to prevent other leaks by demanding new guards for the White House quarters. Primary Colors, an anon-

First Lady as a fearsome figure liable to tongue-lash her wayward husband. In her first appearance in the book, the Hillary Clinton character calls her spouse a 'faithless, thoughtless, disorganised, undisciplined

The book is said to be so accurate that Washington observers are convinced its anthor belongs to the Clintons' innermost circle.

White House officials now hope that Friday's ap-pearance before the grand jury — a panel of 28 ordi-nary citizens who decide whether there are grounds for criminal charges means that the worst is over for Mrs Clinton.

Newsweek's poll provided some comfort, however, although 50 per cent of Ameri-cans said they did not becent said her Whitewater troubles would not affect their vote in November's presidential election, and it showed Mr Clinton leading the Republican front-run-ner, Bob Dole, by 52 to

#### Red Cross plans Kabul airlift as 1m under siege face starvation

Gerald Bourke in Islamabad

TTH its food stocks in the besieged Afghan capital due to run out tomorrow, the International Red Cross plans to start an emergency airlift into Kabul tonnes of food each.

The airlift, to begin later this week, is to help relieve the more than one million people who face starvation unless forces opposed to President Burhanuddin Rabbani lift their two-week blockade of the capital, aid officials

"We estimate that 95 per cent of Kabul's 1.2 million inhabitants are facing severe food and heating-fuel shortages," François Zen Ruffinen, a senior official of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), said.

The ICRC is particularly concerned about the 100,000 Kabulis dependent on its feedkets, accusing supply ing programmes. Many have strapped butchers of profiteering. Most bakeries have been widowed, orphaned or

The price of scarce staple foods has doubled since the ast open road into the city from Pakistan in the east was sealed by anti-govern-ment mojahedin when their leader centralised the collection of their hefty informal

Supply routes from the north, south and west were closed months ago by other armies struggling to oust Dr Rabbani's regime.

The onset of the coldest winter in years, with tem-peratures plummeting to mi-nus 23C, has made the approaching humanitarian catastrophe all the more acute, aid workers said.

Intense rocket and artillery exchanges between rival Islamic factions since the overthrow of the communist administration in 1992 have left Kabul without electricity and many homes badly damaged. Last week the government closed the city's meat mar-

The United Nations, which | a predicted upsurge in fight says an airlift is beyond its Kabul's population as "most vulnerable" — up from 20 per cent a fortnight ago. "It's not possible to calcu-

late how many have died so far," Martin Barber, head of the UN's relief operation for Afghanistan, said yesterday. But everyone in Kabul knows someone who has died from cold and malnutrition." He added: "It's one of those silent tragedies. You're not

going to see appallingly mal-nourished people on the streets of Kabul; they're suffering in their homes. Four months after the launch of the latest 12-month UN appeal, donors have committed a mere 18 per cent of

the \$124 million (£82 million) minimum required. Some donor countries say the Kabul government could do more to ease the city's suf-fering. They claim Dr Rabbani's garrison, estimated at up to 36,000 strong, remains well-fed, and is buying large quantities of weapons before

ing in the spring.

Analysts believe the fac-tions blockading the eastern highway are mercenary and

may soon be bought off. that 150 trucks, carrying enough food to feed Kabul for a day, had been allowed into the capital at the weekend. They were unable to confirm whether this was a one-off concession or the beginning

## wanted to be citizens. So if there was no vote taken, we have a right to Africa. This was our motherland." After the meeting, which passed amicably, Mr Mandela and Mr Farrakhan both said they opposed racism and sevism.

IN AN attempt to deter foreign visitors in Sri Lanka who seek sun, sea and sex with children, the government has strengthened penalties for having sex with a minor to between five and 20 years n prison — the sentences given to pimps.

Paedophile tourists targeted

"It's become fairly high on the government's agenda," Peter Dixon, field director for Save the Children-UK, said. Dixon, field director for save the children on, said.

Srt Lanks has had a reputation as a paradise for paedophiles—
a crime some countries tolerate partly for its hard currency
earnings. An estimated 5,000 children, mostly boys, ply the island's beach resorts and tourist spots in search of clients.

In 1994-95, half a dozen foreigners — from Germany, Britain, France Sweden and Switzerland — were arrested in connection with having sex with minors. None has been sentenced to prison, officials said this week. — Los Angeles Times, Colombo.



The Birmingham Arouser and Nancy Impotency cases take the law into quite new erogenous zones What is being touched on here is whether promise and expectation — two central elements in the selling and enactment of sex in the modern world \_ are susceptible to definition and enforcement.

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#### French nuclear test 'may not be last'

FRANCE may carry out another nuclear test in the south
Pacific, despite the expectation that Saturday's explosion—the
sixth since September—would be the last. Defence officials said a decision whether to close down the Fantagaufa and Moruroa atoll sites would be made only after the results of the

six underground tests had been analysed. Last month President Jacques Chirac said the original eight-test programme, which ended a three-year moratorium, would be curtailed and ended long before the May deadline.

News of the latest test inspired further protests from Pacific

and European countries — including Japan, Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines. — Paul Webster, Paris. Leader comment, page 11

#### 'Most Bosnian POWs go free'

THE vast majority of Bosnia's known prisoners of war were back in friendly hands last night, after the Serbs followed Muslims and Croats in freeing most of their captives.

The Red Cross said the Serbs released 74 PoWs at Sarajevo airport, and the Muslim-led government 76 in northern Bosnia, bringing the total freed at the preshand to more than 500. bringing the total freed at the weekend to more than 500.

Red Cross officials said the Serbs were also due to free 70 PoWs in northern Bosnia yesterday, but could not confirm this had

happened.
Serb and Muslim-Croat camps accuse each other of keeping more prisoners in secret detention. Serbs and Croats have also acknowledged keeping prisoners for investigation as suspected war criminals, something Red Cross officials say the Dayton peace agreement allows. — Reuter, Sarajevo.

#### Indo-Pakistan missile row

TRE Pakistani foreign minister, Najmuddin Sheikh, said Pakistan would match India's missile capability if New Delhi continued to develop an advanced version of its Prithvi missile, the

then in develop an advanced version of the surface-to-surface india tested a longer-range version of the surface-to-surface short-range missile on Saturday, bringing Pakistani protests. Western experts say the missiles could be fitted with nuclear warheads. Their deployment would heighten tension between India and Pakistan, which have fought three wars.

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Meanwhile, United Nations military observers in Kashmir have begun investigating Friday's rocket attack on a Pakistani mosque that left 19 people dead. Pakistan has accused Indian troops of firing two Russian-made rockets into the remote Pakistani town of Forward Kahuta. Indian army officials deny the charge. — AP, Islamabad and New Delhi.

#### France blocks Burundi plans

DESPITE widespread fears that ethnic conflict and a looming civil war could spark genocide in Burundi, a detailed United States plan for international military intervention and a similar United Nations proposal have been blocked by France and other

As a result, there is no international plan for sending a peace-keeping force if Burundi repeats the events of neighbouring Rwanda two years ago.

US officials said efforts to develop a prevention plan for Buundi had been stymled by disagreements with some European illies about the seriousness of the situation and how to deal with it. Every country approached by Washington to contribute troops to an emergency intervention force—other than Canada and some African countries — responded with "varying degrees of

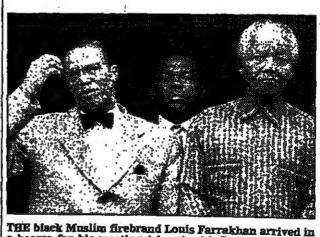
Some Arrivand skepticism", a senior official said.

A senior official of France, which intervened unilaterally in Rwanda, said: "Preventing the resurgence of centuries old tribal conflicts is not in our power." — Washington Post, Washington.

SIX rebels have been killed by Indonesian troops in two incidents in East Timor, the official Antara news agency reported yesterday.

Ermera regency, south-west of Dili. Capt Purwadi said 27 separatist rebels had been captured, or

Black US leader asks for African soil



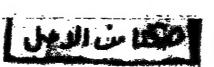
hearse for his meeting (above) with President Nelson

Africa despite flight delays and car breakdowns.
Apparently inspired by such frustrations, during his visit from America, the leader of the Nation of Islam appealed for land in Africa on which Afro-Americans — including a million convicts — could build a "new reality".

"We have asked for territory to be contacted."

"We have asked for territory to be set aside in Africa," he told a press conference. "We were taken from Africa and brought to America and were really never asked if we

yesterday, nursing a romantic attachment to



## CIA 'bugged UN HQ in Bosnia war'



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services — notably the CIA — embark on their first pub-licly-sanctioned mission in Bosnia this week, to shield Nato soldiers from hostile paramilitaries and war

But, despite official denials, these agencies, including the CIA's Pentagon cousin the DIA, have been engaged deep within Bosnia's war since its

inception.
Among their surveillance targets were top-secret com-munications between the high command of the United Nations military operation in Sarajevo and the British special forces, the SAS, oper-ating under deep cover. What the Americans discovered was that the UN command was engaged in neutralising

US intelligence became enmeshed in the war as the Americans became increasingly exasperated by what they saw as the thwarting of a robust stand against the Serbs, stemming from the reluctance of the European Union, Britain in particular. The outcome was a flerce backstage struggle between the Americans and their European and British allies, each pursuing radically diverse agendas.

American frustration was most acute during 1994, a period of cautious authority in the field exercised by General Sir Michael Rose, a for-mer SAS commander.

The tension arose most acutely from the American belief that Nato air strikes should be used to bomb the Serbs to the negotiating table. The United Nations Protec-

soldiers on the ground. The thwarting by Unprofor and the British, turned the issue of air strikes into a covert backstage confrontation between secret services, com-mandos in the field and diplomats at the highest levels.

Now American intelligence sources have revealed what they found when they eaves-dropped on communications between Gen Rose's head-quarters in Sarajevo and SAS scouts deep inside Serb-held territory, near the besieged Bosnian town of Bihac, during the ferocious Serbian advance on that UN "safe area"

HE communication line was established so that the under-cover SAS teams. as forward air controllers. could identify Serb artillery positions and relay the co-or-dinates to headquarters and the pilots of Nato bombers.

Rose's command to the SAS: hold off, do not identify the targets, thus neutralising the air strike.

The Nato pilots were shown nothing; their planes came and went, impotent. It was a measured instruction, highly secret, deflant of Nato. But it was not a private one. It was overheard, not by an enemy but by the Americans.

Gen Rose could not be reached for comment on the eavesdropping allegations yesterday at his headquarters at Trenchard Lines, Wilt-shire. Sir Michael has argued that aggressive use of air power would have threatened the salety of UN soldiers on the ground and jeopardised Unprofor's humanitarian mission. The general did order Nato

aries and air and ground strikes crimes against the Serbs around Gorazde in 1994, and was then eager to use close air support to defend his SAS men trapped in the enclave, but was overruled by the UN envoy, Yasushi Akashi,

It was fundamental to Gen Roses's debate with the Americans that the UN "cannot be used to alter the military balance in a civil war ... a peace-keeping force cannot allow it-self to be hijacked by political pressures and become in-volved in the conflict". He wrote: "There exist ob-

vious limitations on the use of air power in any confused civil war situation. It is simply not possible to secure safe areas ... by the use of air power alone."

The handling of the Bihac crisis was a dramatic illustration of how the Western "al-lies" were at each other's throats over Bosnia, with the Americans determined to override what they saw as the bomb the Serbs into a peace

IHAC had been under siege for 30 months. A French Unprofor battalion had pulled out and been replaced by one from Bangladesh, by then ma-rooned and virtually unarmed. Humanitarian aid convoys had been throttled since May.

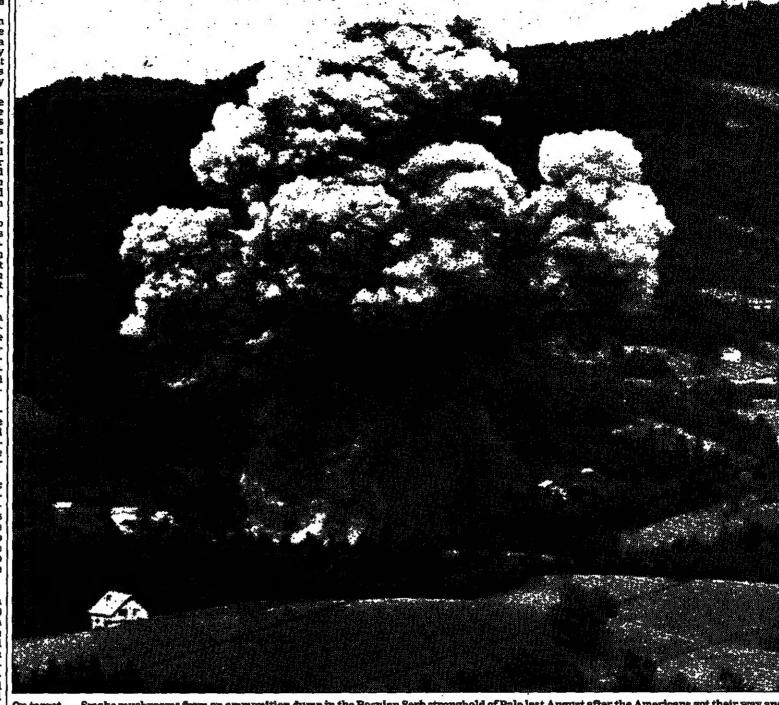
Halfway through November the Serbian assault came. A relentless bombardment in tion Force in Bosnia — and especially Gen Rose — was sceptical, and feared that air strikes would endanger its some by cluster-bombing the safe area. Bihac was about to American strategy, and its shrivel, or else collapse

Nato intervened. There was an air strike against a Serb air field in Croatia. The UN commander in Zagreb, Gen-eral Bertrand de Lapresle, in-sisted on the strike being limited to damaging runways and anti-sircraft missiles and not the planes themselves. But Nato's commander in southern Europe, Admiral Leighton Smith, told the Pentagon: "My hope is that we will not have to go back." The Western alliance creaked, then the drama began.

Gen Rose told the Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karad-zic, that unless the raids stopped Serbian positions overlooking Bihac would be attacked. Mr Karadzic replied cover SAS teams, by fax on November 23, tell-assigned to the UN ing the UN that the Serbs ard air controllers, were now on a hill called Drebelac, which turned out to be

inside the safe area.

Gen Rose rushed to Pale, the Bosnian Serb "capital" But a confroversial order near Sarajevo, the next day came over the air from Gen and then on to the Croatian



On target . . . Smoke mushrooms from an ammunition dump in the Bosnian Serb stronghold of Pale last August after the Americans got their way and Nato jets raided targets across Bosnia. Below, bombs are loaded on to US planes at Aviano, Italy, for the biggest assault in alliance history



capital, Zagreb. He concluded There was an American air

force observer at UN head-quarters in Zagreb and be from US intelligence in the field that the Bosnian Serbs had aquired a fresh arsenal of Russian SAM anti-aircraft nissiles, sent via Belgrade. Gen Rose but the air strike



US ambassador to Sarajevo, Victor Jakovec, visited Gen Rose to discuss reports that the heart of Bihac city itself. Gen Rose told him he believed there was little the UN could do. Mr Jakovec put in an early call to the state

department.
The call prompted a diplomatic flurry. The state department contacted the US ambasrequest on hold, and set about negotiating a ceasefire instead.
But the Americans were stepping up the pressure. On that Friday, November 25, the York, Kofi Annan. The mes-

sage was clear: the US government was insisting on Gen Rose calling air strikes, and Mr Annan duly conveyed it to

Newspapers on Saturday November 26 were bewildered after "confused reports of Nato air activity over Bihac last night". The state depart-ment spokeswoman, Christine Shelly, said the ceasefire brokered by Gen Rose in Bihac was by no means holding, but added that Nato should not be blamed for its failure. This is what had happened. Gen Rose heeded Koll An-

support from Nato — an inter-vention within the strict rules stipulating that the pilot had to find a smoking gun before he could strike. The men responsible for locating the smoking gun were the SAS teams, in radio contact with Gen Rose's headquarters. That night Nato planes took off from the US air force base

This was the showdown between Gen Rose's philosophy of cautious mediation and the Americans' interventionism. For Gen Rose's command,

at Aviano in Italy.

nan's request for close air I there was only one way to stop the bombine: they would have to tell the SAS scouts not to identify the target for Nato to bomb. The rules of engagement were clear: no target, no

The American intelligence sources now allege that this is what the Unprofor command did. It was a careful decision and a controversial one; by the end of the weekend, Serb tanks were blasting their way through the suburbs of Bihac. The Bihac debacle had confronted the Clinton adminis-tration with a gesture of defi-embassy in Zagreb.

ance, forcing the president to choose between maintaining the Atlantic alliance and con-

tinuing his support for the Bosnian government. In public Mr Clinton chose the Nato alliance. Within two days the administration had offered concessions to the Serbs and 10 days later it agreed to recognise the "Re-publika Srpska".

But while Washington overtly courted the Europe-ans, the US intelligence operation was now entrenched. pushing new strategies for Bosnia. The DIA/CIA station was based at the Zagreb em-bassy, where the US ambassador, Peter Galbraith, was welding the alliance with Croatia, and where the military attaché, Colonel Richard Herrick boasted an unusually generous staff of 19. On top of this the Virginia-

based military consultancy MPRI was retraining the Croatian army.
The MPRI executive over-

seeing the contract with Croatia was an old-time master of intelligence, Ed Soyster, a former DIA director.

N extraordinary correspondence ian, led to the contract. It began in November 1994 with the hawkish Croatian defence minister, Joko Susak, writing to the US deputy defence secretary John Deutsch asking for direct US aid to the Croatian military. Mr Deutsch replied explaining that the embargo prevented such direct involvement, but that it could be organised through a private consultancy. Such genufication to the

rules, however, did not seem to inhibit assistance to the Bosnians, though this could not be delivered publicly.

The next task for US intelligence advance parties was to clear the ground for an assault by the Bosnian army on the capital, Serajevo. For this, American intelligence organised the famous Tuzla air drops of weapons and mili-tary equipment to the Bosnian army, in breach of the embargo. The received wisdom is

that there were two such drops, on February 10 and 12, spotted by Norwegian UN personnel. In fact there were four. A C130 transport flew over, escorted by four American can F18 fighters. The material dropped included radar missiles. Nato held an "internal in-

quiry" into the episode once it became public knowledge The four-man inquiry team report said that the Norwe-gian "paramedics" who made the sightings could confused them with civilian air traffic in and out of Belgrade.

air traffic going in and out of Belgrade, and no night traffic at all. The Norwegians were not paramedics.

But by this time, about April, the war was starting to go the Americans' way. There was a new UN commander, General Rupert Smith, who favoured air strikes which damaged the Serbs.
Some months later, to the

Americans' delight, Gen Smith swung his authority behind the "defining moment", — the air strikes against Serb targets in Bosnla last summer. This time, as the bombs found their prey, there was a loud cheer in the US

#### French riot police crush clash of pro-lifers and anti-abortionists

Paul Webster in Paris

IOT police intervened to stop fighting be-tween supporters and opponents of abortion in Versailles during weekend protests taking place against the background of a political and judicial split over the application of the 1975 law legalising abortion.

The anti-abortionists had

gathered in Versailles as leaders of SOS-Petits appealed in a local court against suspended jail sen-tences imposed for a raid on a clinic last year, one of dozens of commando raids in the last five years. The court deferred judgment. Supporters of abortion claim that the opposition

movement, which enjoys support among French car-dinals, has become a focus

of extreme rightwing activ-

The reluctance of some courts to enforce stiff sentences on the movement's activitists in conformity with a 1993 Socialist law against hindering abortions



Noelia Garcia: her image appeals to young recruits

ment is wary of upsetting a sector of its potential elec-torate, and is siding with the anti-abortion lobby. Last week President Jacques Chirac voiced public support for large families as he presented an award to a mother of 10.

Some judges and public reservors have called for

prosecutors have called for leniency towards the anti-abortion commandos, usually led by doctors, whose has added to the suspicion members chain themselves militants are either middle but denied that it was mathat the Gaullist-led governto equipment in operating aged or retired, Ms Garcia inipulated by the far right.

theatres to disrupt surgery. Other courts, however, have passed stiff sentences, notably in Valenciennes, tant hospital director, Xa-vier Doussean, was jailed for nine months. Members of his commando were given four months. In Versailles both sides student at the Sorbonne to

complained about the in-consistency of sentencing, which has ranged from the severity of the Valenciennes judgment to a Paris court which passes light sentences on the recom-mendation of the state adsents the instice ministry.

After five years of often violent campaigns, often involving priests and nuns, the most frequent penalty is a suspended prison sentence, such as that passed wheelis Carria last week at Macon in Burgundy. Ms Garcia was also fined

£1,250. The case underlined Ms Garcia's role as the emotional force of a move fully lobbied for the closure of family planning clinics in northern France. tionary elements, including Given that most of the Vichylsts and Petainists,

easily recognised spokes-woman of the 15 associa-tions involved in the commando raids, two of which have strong National Front representation. She has exploited her glamorous image as a mod-el, television actress and

attract young recruits to the anti-abortion movement, and she regularly takes part in radio and television debates on abortion.
In Versailles she recalled
that she had been given suspended jail sentences for four separate protests in hospitals which carry out about 180,000 abortions

"It is time people took a responsible attitude to sex," she said. "Men are cowards and abortions lower the status of women. They have lost the right to be mothers."
She added: "I am not

being used politically, I am fighting for my own She admitted that the movement had strong reac-tionary elements, including

#### News in brief \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

#### Russian PM's **US** mission

The prime minister of Russia.

Viktor Chernomyrdin, left Moscow yesterday for the United States with the job of trying to reassure politicians and bankers that Russia is committed to free-market

Russia had been on track to seal a new \$9 billion loan deal with the International Monetary Fund, but Russian and Western sources close to the talks said that it was likely to be delayed indefinitely. — AP.

#### £3.9m drug hauf

Police in Casablanca, Morocco, seized five tonnes of cannabis resin worth £3.9 mil-lion hidden in a container of canned sardines bound for Poland, Moroccan media reports said. — Reuter.

#### Poli 'inevitable'

Gianfranco Fini, Italy's most cian, said yesterday that there was now no alternative to an early general election.
"By the light of logic, there's
nothing for it but to vote," Mr Fini, leader of the National Alliance, told La Repubb-

#### 'Murder' payout

Israel has agreed to pay family of a Moroccan waiter who was allegedly killed by

agents apparently believed that the waiter, Ahmed Bou-chikhi, had been the mastermind behind the killing of 11 Israeli athletes during the 1972 summer Olympics in Mu-nich. — New York Times.

Israeli agents in 1973 in a case

of mistaken identity. The

#### Falcon crackdown Forest rangers in north-west-

ern China have detained 925 poachers and rescued 400 fal-cons, but gangs smuggling the rare birds have grown, Xin-hua news agency reported yesterday. Most of the poachers were from a neighbouring country, Xinhua said. — AP.

#### School suicides Two more Japanese school

mates took their own lives in the past week, adding to the criticism of Japanese schools which have been plagued by suicides. - Washington Post Caim in Niger

The streets of Niamey, capital of Niger, were calm yesterday after the military deposed the president. In the second mili-tary coup in the region in 10 days, soldiers seized control of the government and ended the country's brief attempt at lemocracy. - AP.

#### Blaze deaths

A hospital fire killed 13 people and injured 33 in Mecca, Islam's holiest city, the Saudi

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#### No going back for Tony Blair

Labour stakes it all out again

THERE are weeks when the political cards are shuffled and re-dealt and weeks, the great majority of them, when things go on very much as before. Government politicians are behaving as though last week was one of the former and opposition politicians as though they fear that it might have been. However it turns out, there is no doubt they will all be unusually attentive to the crucial next round of opinion polls to see how the Harman affair has changed the balance of party political characters in the ways up to the control observed. cal advantage in the run-up to the general election. Undoubtedly there was fresh energy in the Conservative effort this weekend and there is new apprehension in Labour's, but the net result of last week may not be straightforward. Labour's disadvantage — if such it turns out to be — is not necessarily the Tories' gain.

The Conservative strategy is to pretend that every-

thing is suddenly running strongly in their favour. The behaviour of Tory MPs at Westminster last week, the frenetic weekend energy of the party chairman, and the tone of John Major's Sunday Telegraph interview are all proof of that. But this wave of pill-popping self-confidence is unconvincing (as the private admissions of any Conservative MP will confirm). It also verges at times on the insulting. People who have become disillusioned with the Conservatives are not going to forget their disillusionment just because Labour has been embarrassed over education, important though that is. Tony Blair's remarks about standards in schools last week - that these children have been born and educated under the Conservatives and that the failure is not theirs but the Conservatives' — will ring absolutely true for very many people. The Conservatives have little to cheer about on education, and the fact that their weekend attacks wandered off into many other policy fields suggests that they are aware of it.

Labour, by contrast, have decided to behave as

though nothing very much has changed. They insist that the political battleground is largely unaltered, that education is still their issue and that Mr Blair can set out the new visions - see the neighbouring page - in Southwark Cathedral as in Singapore, as though the Harman affair had not intervened. This innocence is almost as hard to credit as the guiltier self-deceptions of the Conservatives. What happened last week is that under pressure Labour failed to show that it had a consistent alternative on education which its supporters could believe in and that the public could understand. This threatens the party's wider credibility both because education is important in itself and because of the centrality of which the Blair leadership attaches to ""'education within its wider scheme of things. What appeared to be settled turned out to be work still in progress Mr Blab's new formulations about millividual." success and equal opportunity today are much tighter.

The broader context of this argument is set out today on our Arena page by the political commentator John Gray. In his new Demos pamphlet, Dr Gray compel-Thatcherism is neither a purer form of Thatcherism itself nor a return to traditional social democracy. Not everyone will agree with the communitarian liberal alternative which Dr Gray propounds, nor with all the detailed policy prescriptions which he advocates, but he is right to say that the future belongs to a new way which learns from the failures and successes of both the systems which have preceded it. That is what Mr Blair is about. It is what he has been attempting to set out in his stakeholder speeches since the new year. The effort continues tonight and beyond. The Labour leader is right to stick to his course, even if last week's experiences show it is still unfinished business.

#### **Adieu to Muroroa**

Now it's time to ban nuclear testing

HAVING exploded what may possibly be the last in its current series of nuclear tests at Muroroa at the weekend, France should now stick to its word and turn its attention to banning them. Outlawing nuclear tests has been on the international agenda for four decades but little progress has been made since Kennedy and Khrushchev failed to do a deal back in 1963. Yet, if the political will is there, the 1996 session of the Conference on Disarmament, now getting down to brass tacks in Geneva, should still be the forum for finally achieving a comprehensive test ban treaty. The signs are certainly more promising than ever before: France and the US. followed by Britain, have declared themselves ready to accept what the scientists call "zero-yield" testing. foregoing the Nevada desert and Pacific atolls for the computer simulation techniques they need to maintain their arsenals. Russia, observing a testing moratorium, is expected to follow suit.

China, with less advanced weapons than other members of the nuclear club, is the next problem. Its continued insistence on "peaceful nuclear explosions," ostensibly for civil engineering purposes, may be tactical. But Beijing's current truculence is worrying and no one will relax in Geneva until it too has come on board. The timing of one of its two tests last year — just days after pledging "utmost restraint" during negotiations on the indefinite extension of the nuclear non-proliferation treaty - was deliberate nose-thumbing.

Outside the club some countries are bridling at the anxiety of the nuclear powers to pursue the test ban without making concessions on disarmament. India has linked progress on a global treaty to negotiations this year on eliminating all nuclear weapons within a specified time. Yet as a "threshold state" (along with Pakistan and Israel) that wishes to maintain its capability to manufacture weapons, its position may be more about bargains than principles.

The US and Britain insist there should be no linkage between the treaty and future moves on nuclear disarmament. "Holding one important goal hostage for another is a sure way to fail at both," conference delegates were told last week by John Holum, director of the US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. Incremental progress in such a high-risk area is a sensible way to proceed. But since no one pretends that a test ban treaty will in itself eliminate nuclear weapons, some signal should be given of readiness to move further. Australia is trying to bridge gaps in Geneva while its own Canberra commission of international nuclear experts is sending out the simple but compelling message: disarmament cannot wait for ever. Only one thing has changed. Last week, the pages of the Independent dripped with tear-

How to tell them apart....

Fig.1: Typical double-dealing Do AS I SAY.
NOT AS I DO Sanctimonious hypocrites

Fig. 2: Typical straight-talking "Do As I Do, BECAUSE
YOU CAN'T BELIEVE A WORD I SAY"
non-sanctimornous hypocrite





#### Letters to the Editor

AM a dentist and I do know about teeth. When I read an article like Jackie Cowhig's (All mouth and no treatment, January 23) I wonder why I

take newspapers seriously.
What are the charges outside the NHS? Toothache? You need a root filling: \$50 to £150 probably. If you have it removed, you could get away with £20. A crown? About £200. A filling? £30 to £60.

Dental restorations are done in small, wet spaces on restless and anxious subjects and are subject to enormous forces of destruction, powerful biting forces, drying and wetting, temperatures ranging from ice cream to hot coffee and corro-sive liquids

Good dental treatment will usually give value for money. When did you last have the dishwasher serviced or a small repair on the car? What do you spend in a year on cosmetics, patent medicines and catfood? Graham Baliry.

12 Redcliffe Parade West,

DID Alix Sharkey (Sorted or Distorted, January 26) mean to reassure parents that drug-taking at raves is not as dangerous as it's cracked up to be? After trying to put our minds at rest about Ecstasy, he ests that what youngsters Ecstasy at all But most users to have crept in. Green and have no way of knowing what is in the tablets they pay \$10 or £15 for. Are we supposed to be comforted by this?

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WHILE Will Hutton's characterisation of the US as a deeply divided society is valid (Shock that threaten downtown America, January 24), he is wrong to assert this is a new phenomenon. The US always was a deeply divided and unequal society. "Conditions of equality", ascribed by de Tocqueville in 1830, did not hold then and do not now. Alok Ray. 29 North Street, Bristol BS16 5SW.

IOHN Major wants an election for a Northern Ireland assembly. How about one for Greater London with its larger population? We could call it the Greater London Council. Norman T Shepherd.

4 Loggetts, 65/67 Alleyn Park

## The agony and Howard's way with Dr Johnson Felling with the Ecstasy

WAS appalled to read your article (Jail shock for Howard, last lised" is a wonderful meta-article (Jail shock for Howard, last lised" is a wonderful meta-made prison a still more phor for the manner in which ard, January 27) document futile method of dealing with the less advantaged people of Parkhursi's special unit. If Dr. for prisoners to gain educa-Bob Johnson has achieved a tion by dismantling Dr John-94 per cent less medication etc, it seems unbelievable that he should be rewarded by a short-term government policy based on saving money. With and 3,000-4,000 prison office hased out, no wonder men of ntegrity are starting to won-

ler what it's all about. On behalf of my colleagues made redundant due to the closure of six bail and probation hostels, may I urge Home Office ministers to look to any conscience they might have in order to avert a national disas-ter in the making. Richard Devonald.

Watford, Herts WD1 3QF:

Off the map

PETER Preston's Commen-tary on Our Friends In The North (January 19) rightly claims that it is all too

close for period comfort. Yet it is obviously far enough away for lots of inaccuracies

white - not red - were the

Tyneside Labour colours in

His harshness to prisoners, whether mentally ill or not displays his total ignorance of criminological research as well as his inhumanity. This sycophantic, smug, heartless man is a disgrace to his office. Anthony Storr. 45 Chalfout Road, Oxford OX2 6TJ

crime by cutting opportunities

son's therapeutic programme in Parkhurst, by urging that sentences be increased in length, and now by threaten-ing to close prison farms and

DR BOB Johnson's statement that "treating human beings with humanity rather than brutality makes them, and us, safer, more se-cure and, above all, more civi-

damage and havoc that their policies have wreaked, in perticular upon the moral and this society.

R BOB Johnson is one of many whose careful and thoughtful psycho-therapeutic

in recent years and for the consequent, destructive ef-

fects upon our society, which we see all around us.

It is overwhelmingly sad that our current leaders are

work with emotionally dam-aged and traumatised individ-uals is systematically being

to those who uphold the

support and we feel a sense of outrage that someone with his depth of understanding and experience should not be able to continue with the full back-ing of the Home Office. Judith Ryde.

Chair. Psychotherapists and Counsellors for Social Responsibility, 285 Bloomfield Road, Bath BA2 2NU.

HEN I saw the Guardian headline, Jall shock for Howard, I thought for one lovely, fleeting moment they were going to put him in one. Sean Henderson.

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by post to 119 Farringdon Road, London ECIR SER, and by e-We may edit letters for clarity

A Country Diary

T IS not just the protesters who are getting "thwacked" at Newbury (Letters, January 27). It seems that the Highways Agency, their contractors and Reliance care little for the secretary of their country. for the safety of their own im-

January 16 and 19. Because the guards were far too close to the trees, and were always facing away from the felling, I saw two incidents when they were thwacked, or nearly thwacked, by falling trees.

Forestry guidelines suggest a minimum distance of twice the height of the trees to be felled between the feller and other people, yet, in one incident, the top of a birch fell across the shoulders of a guard. In another incident, a 30cm diameter tree was felled down a very steep embank-ment, falling among, and scattering four security guards. I manage a woodland under a Forestry Authority grant. If

were to put my own employees in these dangerous situa-tions, I could be liable to Theo Hopkins. The Clift and Lower

Cakford. Tiverton, Devon EX16 9EN.

#### the 1960s, a tradition which has not entirely disappeared The insult of a shingle

beach to represent Whitley Bay was hard to bear as were the infuriating number of present-day expressions and expletives — put into the mouths of the characters. And why so many cliched views of the Type bridge?

Underlying the series and racy — the belief that T Dan | enough said.
Smith, whatever his faults, "put Newcastle on the map." | House of Commons, In fact, the redevelopment of London SWIA GAA.

There are other northern | the city centre wiped off the map many of its historic buildings. The aim was not to so much of what has been written about it is, however, a more fundamental inaccu-"the Brasilia of the North" —

#### Class system IT AMAZES me how other

wise thoughtful commentators in the columns of the Guardian and in private con-versations, who would claim to identify with progressive ideas, continue to refer to young people as "academic"
— or not. The alternative is never specified.

Perhaps because I did not grow up in this country and have not suffered the same crippling class assumptions people —, and people not so behind the use of this kind of young. They must be develterminology, I find it easier to oped, and the vast majority of

see it for the anachronism that it is. My experience of teaching highly-motivated mature students, many of whom were written off as not being "academic" and who now produce first-class work, and my observation of young people from a variety of back-grounds, confirms that there

is no such thing as being in-herently "academic" or not. Intellectual and analytical skills are there to be devel-oped, in different ways and at different times, in all young

century. That is the real tragedy of the figures we have been see-ing of British under-achieve-ment. We will never come to grips with the low expecta-tions that too many people have of the capacities of the British people unless we stop talking about people being

people given the training and skills which can equip them. and the country at large, for the economic and social de-

Anne Showstack Sassoon. Professor of Politics,

Guines. One of the few places you wouldn't expect to find it

nothing else in Norfolk, this creature, more typical of heat-hazed Mediterranean saltpan

is in northern Europe, and the nearest it usually comes to the UK is the odd outpost in France. No matter where you actually see stilts, however, they always look faintly ridiculous. Their legs are propor-tionally the longest of any bird in western Eurasia, longer even than a flamingo's. Looking as fragile as reed stems, these limbs leave the bird al-most stranded in mid-air, and it often has to bend them to feed. Fortunately, it has a comparably long needle-fine bill to ease the problem. Like

NORFOLK: Although by or shimmering waterhole in out as a glaring anomaly at Tichwell — a fragment of the as been resident at the Titchwell RSPB reserve for over two years. Black-winged stilt tropics which, like Wallace Steven's Tennessee jar, drais a bird with an almost worldwide range, breeding across the northern bemisphere from matises by contrast the surrounding monochrome winter Mexico to Mongolia, and around the southern tropics from Peru to Papua New

landscape.
Curiously, it does nothing of the sort. The bird blends in so perfectly one can easily overlook it as it routinely wades amongst the brackish pools or the brackish p loafs at the water's edge perched on its red stilts. It seldom leaves this particular spot and only ever travels a couple of kilometres, while it has been alone for the whole 30 months of its residence. Needless to say, it's the long-est-staying stilt in the UK, but why, you might ask, does it not leave? The answer may be something to do with the fact that, nine years ago, a pair of stilts successfully reared two young — for only the second time ever in Britan — at a Norfolk reserve within sight of Titchwell itself.

## Top people come to the aid of the party

#### Endpiece

Roy Hattersley

tures of the current education debate is the ignorance with which it is being conducted. It is argued that secondary selection is essential to parental choice, when it ought to be ob-vious that if schools are allowed to select pupils, parents are not able to choose schools. We are told that standards are more important than structures, although anyone who has thought about the subject for 10 seconds must understand that the way in which the system is orga-nised has a direct effect on the results which it produces.

Vows of enthusiasm for the comprehensive principle are accompanied by pledges of support for grammar schools. as if selection and non-selection can co-exist. Bad teachers are discussed as if they are a recent problem, although they have always been with us.

Grammar schools, which only admit children with superior intelligence and supportive parents, are exalted for producing better examination results than those achieved by old secondary modern schools, with "com-prehensive" painted on their noticeboards — even though they teach the boys and girls who have been rejected by the grammar schools.

The high watermark of ab-surdity was reached last week during the conversations which preceded the Tuesday meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party. One Labour MP suggested that childless colleagues had no right to express opinions on the way in which our schools are organised. No doubt, according to Members whose daddies were

The argument sinks to the nadir of rational debate when sentimentality combines with self-interest and stupidity.

millionaires.

schools, and tales of managing editors who had achieved their eminence despite, rather

attended. The resentful journalist certhe particular, the importance of pursuing the greatest good which it is impossible to

finish. Old-fashioned selection, he wrote, should be replaced by divisions between the "academically able, the technically able and the able at all kinds what the "others things" are made up of children who were

unforced errors appeared in presented to them, parents fol-Thursday morning's Times — low the path trodden from

cate of elitist education. The Labour Party, the editorial al-most thundered, should than because of, the non-selec- "allow parents in every educative schools which they tion authority to decide periodically for themselves whether they want compre hensive schools or selection" tainly proved that there are hensive schools or selection". some bad comprehensive That demand is welcome to schools. The one which he the advocates of comprehen-attended failed to teach him sive education because, were the folly of generalising from | it to be conceded, there would not be a state grammar school left in all of Britain, It was, of the greatest number and the however, an error for the danger of starting arguments | Times to espouse that policy - unless its leader-writers

have suddenly been converted to comprehensive education. Presumably, they were deceived by a recent opinion poll into believing that comprehensive schools are unpopuof other things". Pity he could | lar. In fact in that survey, two her, views on top tax rates not think, or dare not admit, of the three age groups which should be limited to those what the "others things" are likely to contain the are likely to contain the When I took "the scholar parents of primary school pu-ship", the third category was pils, voted substantially in favour of non-selective second-

said to enjoy woodwork and ary education. Nobody should be surprised The most welcome of all the by that. When the choice is

Thirty years ago, bad teachers stained stories about the bruonly damaged the prospects of talisation of "gentle" children only damaged the prospects of talisation of "gentle" children in London comprehensive tent and worst-informed advotheir children is to give them cape route from second-class | the power to veto compreheneducation. They simply reject sive education for other a system that stigmatic papils as academic failures and sends them off to schools that an editorial written by designed to teach "other the chairperson of the Brains' things" than formal subjects. Food mums and dads are notoiously unrealistic about their offsprings' talents. But 51 per

> pupils have an ausomate right to choose the type of schools times our campaign for parentine our campa be conducted amongst them. To ask the parents of grammar school pupils what sort of education system they would like to see would be like asking water board chairmen whether or not there should be a windfall tax on the excess profits of privatised utilities.

There is no theory of liberal democracy which allows a favoured minority to insist that society pays for their privileges at the expense of a disadvantaged majority. To allow and New Labour

people's sons and daughters. We should not be surprised Trust accepts those basic truths — only that understanding has come so slowly.

Anyway, however tortuous

risk of not being part of the 10 has come to repentance, those or 15 per cent whose children "pass the scholarship".

Parents of primary school

Parents of primary school ists no longer. We can conour side. Last week, Labour's public

relations advisers panicked not about the party's appar-ent inconsistency but about the rejection of inconsistency creating an impression of an-tagonism to success. Let us tagonism to success. Let us hope that the Times has calmed their nerves. For-ward to comprehensive education with the top people's paper! At last, we have a soundbite that can unite old



#### Mumbai Diary

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#### Suzanne Goldenberg

OBODY thought it would stick, not the wraiths in scraps of clothing, not the parachy tycoons who somehow coes ist here in the city of infinite possibilities. For them the megalopolis of 13 million would always be Bombay.

But not any more. Come Wednesday, all establish-ments are to change their signs and stationery and company registration to Mumbal — the original, Marathi name for the collec-tion of fishing villages from which the city grew. Bom-bay, as all India has known and loved its most cosmopolitan and commercially-vibrant city, will begin to

disappear. For all its British place names and crumbling colo-nial mansions, this is a city that shrugs off its past without a backward glance. Bombay for years has been the place where people go to reinvent themselves. A pimply teenage oaf runs away from his village, and — presto — reappears as a suave and handsome movie star. Or at least that's what would happen if one of the hundreds of Hindi films

that are spun in the city every year came to life. Even if you don't find fame and fortune, there is still a sort of freedom in the chronic overcrowding that forces people to leave caste and religious allegiances behind. Professional

women swear by the safety of Bombay's streets at night and a veneer of tolerance that inhibits neighbours from inquiring too closely

about one's movements.
It's "a city which changes colour and changes culture at every moment", sighs Pramod Nawalkar, the culture minister of the Hindu extremist coalition which governs the state of Maharashtra. But for all his rhapsodies

about the delicious, sprawling chaos that is his hometown. Mr Nawalkar is one of the men who has set out to change it. What it needs is a little discipline, he says. The city has let itself fall prey to alien — read Mus-lim, or western — influences, lessening the importance of the Marathi sons of the soil.

While the name Bombay offends because it is redo-lent of British rule, Mr Nawalkar is as much concerned with shaping the future as with erasing the past. If Bombay is to breathe life into its current fantasy of becoming the nore, it has to do something for the 4 million homeless

people on its streets. Mr Nawalkar favours a robust approach. "Slum dwellers are ruining all our plans," he says. He wants to impose internal immigration controls to keep out new arrivals — especially the poor.

NDERLYING Mr Nawalkar's distaste for the disadvantaged of Bombay is an abiding fear that whatever remains of the city's Marathi character may soon disappear in an onslaught of new migrants. He claims that only a quarter of Bombayites now are ethnic Marathis, less than half of what it was in 1980. Now that Mr Nawalkar's Shiv Sena party has got its way on Mumbal, it can begin to impose a strict Marathi identity through-out, starting with the city's

most famous landmark Victoria Terminus, or VT. the Gothic-style railway station that is the destin tion for 2 million commuters each day, is soon to be known as Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, after the he roic Maratha king who has already lent his name to more than 200 roads and

squares in Bombay. While the penchant for renaming railway stations seems fairly harmless, it's different in the case of Au-rangabad and Osmanabad. two towns in Maharashtra that are an affront to the Shiv Sena because they bea Muslim names. The Shiv Sena sees the towns as souvenirs of the Mughul emperors who defeated the Ma-

ratha kings. Unlike Bombeyites, who Delhittes who dismissed efforts to rename Connaught Place — the heart of the capital — after the late prime ministers, Indira and Rajiv Gandhi, the Muslims of Maharashtra do not see this name change as a joke.



#### Madame Fifi takes the stand

#### Commentary

#### Mark Lawson

N THE musical Guys And Dolls, Nathan Detroit ad-vises Miss Adelaide that, if she doesn't believe his protestations of love, she should "find a lawyer and sue me". Intended at the time as romantic hyperbole, this line is probably taken by audiences at modern revivals as standard pre-wedding banter, for the relationship between lovers and lawyers seems to

be becoming ever closer.

A Midlands law student last week forced the London Rubber Company to remove from the wrappers of its Durex Arouser brand of condoms the claim that this ribbed prophylactic "heightens" a woman's pleasure. The Birmingham trading standards authority decided that these claims did not, as they say.

stand up. In a simultaneous pleading, in the French town of Nancy, a 70-year-old man is suing a prostitute, in what is thought to be the first case of its kind, for her alleged failure to arouse him sufficiently to en-

lawyers say, expected to be a

The obvious quick response to these two cases is to multor that law has no business with sex. But, in fact, law has thousands of billed hours of busi-ness with the complications ness with the complications of sex, in the necessary legislation affecting rape, child abuse, abortion, divorce, pornography, parental obligation and sexual harassment. The current case of the teenager Sarah Cook, for example, involves a legal debate between attitudes to the age of sexual consent in Essex and Turkey, Islam and Christianity. Many Islam and Christianity. Many of the juicier libel cases —
Archer v The People, Nell v
Worsthorne — have turned
on aspersions of sexual

misconduct. The Birmingham Arouser and Nancy Impotency cases, and Nancy Impotency cases, though, take the law into quite new erogenous zones. What is being touched on here is whether promise and expectation—two central elements in the selling and enactment of sex in the modern world - are susceptible to definition and enforcement. These may be watershed judgments for human relation-

ships.

The Birmingham Arouser case is a real rib-tickler, even if the condom wasn't. The accused seem to have detu-mesced rather quickly when challenged — the London act their contract of employment. He accuses the defendant of professional negmuch tougher with the nu-

ligence and seeks the return merous attempted suits for of the £25 fee plus damages. contraceptive failure — The case continues and is, as which is a pity as a full-scale which is a pity as a full-scale court case would have been an entertaining spectacle. Counsel for the London Rubber Company would, presumably, have sought, in standard barrister fashion, to belittle the plaintiff, alleging that the failure to beighten the pleasure of the courts! sure of the central prosecution witness resulted from weakness of his technique rather than of their equiprather than of their equip-ment. You imagine graphics relating to angle of entry and an elderly judge murmuring: "And, er, what is a clitoris." In his closing speech, defence counsel darkly avers: "You may conclude, gentlemen and

> shouly workman who biames his tools.
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> I have seen only sketchy reports of the Nancy Impotency hearings, but it must be assumed that such exchanges are already a reality in those proceedings. Al-ready, the prostitute has testi-fied that she employed "all means at her disposal" in an attempt to prepare the plain-tiff for action. Might the lawyers for the disappointed punter call Dr Ruth as an expert witness, in an attempt to establish that some potential methods, the particular prov-ince of Mongolian courtesans, were omitted? Could the prostitute's defence team summon a gerontologist to testify that such failures in men of 70

> were a statistical likelihood and therefore beyond the pro-fessional control of the defen-

ladies of the jury that it is a shoddy workman who blames

Hot Fun With Madame Fift' constitutes a legally-binding contract or a mere commercial inducement."

If the punter wins, French brothels will hastily post notices warning that: "The facilities in this establishment are used with a liber with a second to the second to t used at the client's risk and the management cannot be responsible for mechanical failure." But law proceeds by precedent and so a test-case is merely foreplay for an orgy of litigation. The capitulation of the London Rubber Company in the matter of the Arouser must be thought alarming for other companies which rely on the promise of sexual plea-

sure in their advertising.
What now? The case in which an ice-cream eater argues that sustained consump-tion of Hadgen-Daaz rendered them fat and lonely rather than liable to be ameared

The Birmingham Arouser and the Nancy Impotency cases result from a newly-sanctioned frankness

with Double Nut Pecan by a hot-lipped partner? Or the courtroom battle — featuring letailed forensic evidence in volving electrodes and photo-copies of Playmates of the Month — in which a subscriber to a pornographic
magazine demands a
refunded subscription on the
basis that it did nothing for
Anyway, the future — with him? Or litigation from a holi-daymaker with Club 18-30 whose advertising might well be thought by 12 right-think-ing people absolutely to guarantee a shag — who had gone through the fortnight without intercourse? Certainly, it is

whether you would wish to sleep with the plaintiff. If your answer is that you would not — not even in darkened room, not even have ing partaken copiously of al-cohol and what we have heard described to the court as 'E's — then you must fine for the defendants."

for the defendants."

The present tendency for the former lovers of celebrities to publish lurid accounts of their sexual prowess—whether "Top Pop Star Was My Number One" or "Big Star Not So Big In Bed" must raise the possibility of pre-coital secrecy agreements, a variation on the pre-nuptial financial contracts now commonplace among the rich. In the absence of these perhaps powerful and sexually voracious men will apply to courts for gagging orders, preventing circulation of de-tails of their performance.

tails of their performance.

Both the Birmingham Arouser and the Nancy Impotency cases result from a newly-sanctioned frankness about sex. Prudery once kept the claims of Durex vague: "Better for both", the packets used mistily to Claim. Equally, 20 or 30 years ago, no individual would have pursued the London Rubber Company over trade descriptions or taken a prostitute to court or taken a prostitute to court because of the fear of social embarassment. So the two cases may be taken as evi-dence of a culture less neurotic about sex. In another way, however, the underlying suggestion in these legal pro-

indignant consumers clutching their punctured inflatable dolls in the witness box and expert nutritionists testifying that the condom advertised as raspberry-flavoured in fact included vanilla essence —

dant? We can already hear the magistrate's grave summing up. The point at issue in this dispute is whether the phrase Hot Pun With Madame Fift' whether you would wish to muggers at work



VE ALWAYS thought that

Paul Foot

people who complain about street violence in London are exaggerating, but now I'm not so sure. It clearly isn't safe to walk at night where I live — down Clapton way for example. It seems that if you drop into a cafe there for a drink with friends, there's every chance that as you come out you will be set upon by bully-boys who will hold your neck and kick you in the face until you are dead.

I'm not making this up.

This is exactly what happened in Clapton just over a year ago. It all came out at an year ago. It all came out at an inquest the other day. Naturally, lots of us law-abiding citizens in these parts are worried that it will happen again. What are we supposed to do if we are set upon like this? Call the police? The trouble is that the muggers are the police. While we are are the police. While we are being kicked to death, can we perhaps take comfort that the thugs will be brought to jus-tice? Not at all. In the case I mention, the killers have not been prosecuted. They have not even been sacked. They are suspended on full pay from the public purse. And if they are sued, as they should be, by the victim's family, compensation will be paid once again by you and me. What is the answer? Alert as ever, the Prime Minister has put 5,000 more policemen on the beat. I'm not sure that this will help, but certainly the expression "on the beat" takes on an entirely new

SHIJI LAPITE, the man who was unlawfully killed at Clap-ton by PCs Paul Wright and Andrew McCallum, had come to this country seaking politi-cal asylum from the murder-ous dictatorship in Nigeria. I do not use words like "mur-derous dictatorship" lightly. John Major and lois of other leaders of the Commonwealth said semething similar after nine people were hanged for protesting against Shell. Not even Michael Howard has any doubt about the nature of the | all the others at Widdecombe Nigerian regime. So here is a fair are all creatures of free question for him and his imelections, free speech and so migration service. What has happened to Abdul Onibiyo? with the Saudi tyrants and Mr Onibiyo came to this can't wait to kick Dr Mas'ari country perfectly legally in out. The Rector of Glasgow University is powerless, but since, he spent 22 in this under some ancient law he country, working, paying must attend regular meetings taxes and contributing to the of the University Court. So a economy. Two of his children vote for Mas'ari is a way of were born here. On October wiping what purports to be a 25, 1995, he was forcibly deported to Nigeria on the face. A better reason for votgrounds that many years ago | ing cannot be devised.

significance.

he went back to Nigeria for more than the period he was legally allowed. He was taken by eight immigration officials from Campsfield detention from Campsfield detention centre near Oxford to Gatwick airport. His wife Joyce was not allowed to see him or give him the clothes and money she had packed. Two immigration officers went with him to Lagos and handed him over to the government's security officers. ernment's security officers there. In the three months since, his family has not heard a word from him. His daughter, Loia, tells me: "He promised he would contact us promised he would contact us as soon as he got to Lagos. He had hoped he might get away from the airport without being noticed, but the British immigration officials made sure that was impossible. We are all of us, desperately worried about him."

Guardian readers will recall that on December 2 the

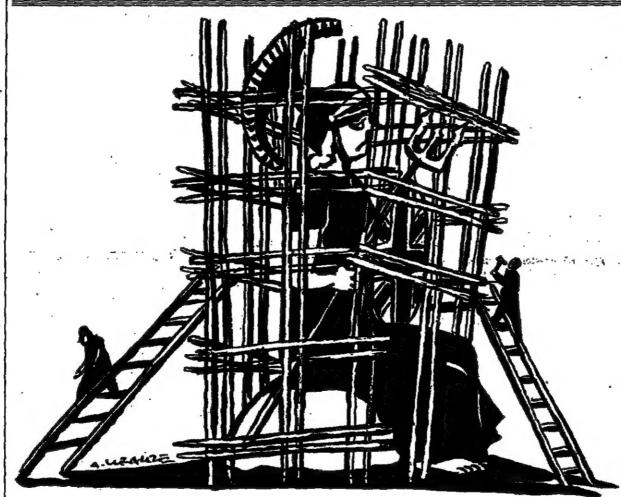
recall that on December 2 the Nigerian High Commission in London declared in a press statement that Abdul "is not being held by any branch of the Nigerian law enforcement or security services. The statement was embellished with weasel words about the "unconscionable tactic of ma-ligning the Nigerian govern-ment" etc. etc.

If the Nigerian government means what it says, it could easily prove to his family that Abdul Onibiyo is a free man. This would bring great relief to the harassed family, who immigration regulations. Ade is in detention (where he passed his A levels) awaiting deportation to Nigeria.

WHILE on this subject, I can-

vass for a candidate in the election for Rector of Glasgow

University, who speaks there at lunchtime today. He is Pro-fessor Mohammed Al Mas ari who seeks asylum here, but whom Michael Howard and Anne Widdecombe are deporting to Dominica. Let me explain why. The professor supports free and regular elections to parliament by universal male and female suffrage, freedom of speech and free trade unions. His campaign has annoyed the dictators of Saudi strabiz who tolerate no elections, no dissent and no problem whom sent and no problem Rifering Major, Major, Major, Major Liller States and British and Br Michael Portillo, Peter Lilley, old packs Mike Howard and



## **Battle for Britain**

reached the third critical point in post-war politics, and argues that his stakeholder dream can change people's lives

terbury's Special Commission On Urban Priority Areas, sounded a warning note about the condition of Britain. It argued that economic and social inequality were becoming more perva-sive in our society and that we all had a moral responsiwe an has more response bility, rich or poor, religious or secular, urban residents or country, to contribute towards the creation of a more just society.

Ten years on, the condition of our country should concern us all Growing inequality is defended. Responsibility and mutuality are spurned. Public services are broken up. Decency and tolerance are scorned, And Britain lacks the common purpose to take

it forward.
It is clear from the fury of politics within the last few days that we have a choice between debating the condi-tion and future of Britain on the high ground, or having instead a rather nasty, personalised, negative campaign fought in the gutter. I believe we must fight the battle of ideas, because the essential challenge posed by Faith In The City remains unan-swered do we have the confidence and the ideas as a nation to achieve prosperity

EN YEARS ago, gapore, I set out my vision of Faith In The City, a stakeholder economy — an the report of the idea with modern relevance across traditional political

the case for political reform
— what one might call stakeholder politics. In a speech today I will be talking about Labour's belief in social cohesion — a stake in society — and the need for a war an social exclusion if we are to move forward as a nation.

the poorest 10 per cent are 17 per cent worse off in real terms than they were in 1979, and one in three children

tives have gone up on average

will not be there when they need them. Struggling to pay mortgages and new charges. Prompted to opt for private pensions and now finding that they get very little in schools, but standards of promortgages and new charges.
Prompted to opt for private
pensions and now finding
that they get very little in return.

boundaries. Next week, I will be making that no longer exists. A lobs. education and training programme for single parents would offer help to a group of people currently on a 16-year ticket to reliance on the state. Next to employment, secure housing is the foundation of personal security. I welcome the Government decision to

extend the rough-sleepers' initiative. But they could do much more. The release of the capital receipts held by local Britain is today more divided and more insecure than when Faith in The City was published. One in five house-holds have no one working. authorities would provide jobs and homes that so many people are desperate to live in. Instead of cracking down on rights to housing benefit, we should be attacking the £1 grow up in poverty.

At the top, privilege is more obvious than before. In the privatised utilities, salaries of benefit fraud. And why not tackle homelessness at root by combining housing with training so that young people chairmen and chief execu-

by over 250 per cent since privatisation.

Meanwhile, in the middle, sits the anxious class. People insecure about their jobs. Afraid that public services will not be there when they need them Struggling to nay are set on the road to finan-cial independence?

OWEVER, the core economic challenge facing us as a nation is to use the power

return.

The Conservatives used to say that to be cruel was to be

vision in 25,000 schools up and down the country.

It is very clear why the with fairness in the next cen-with fairness in the next cen-tury? Three weeks ago in Sin-efficient. In fact, social justice Tories want to focus debate every subject. We should re-at Southwark Cathedral

Tony Blair believes we have is a necessity not a luxury. On selection not standards.

The most meaningful stake our deficit for the average anyone can have in society is child is stark: last week, fig. the ability to earn a living and support a family. So we propose education, employures showed 50 per cent of 11-year-olds failing to reach ex-pected standards; at GCSE ment and community initia-tives for the young unem-ployed that would slash youth unemployment over a parliaand A level we get half as many good grades as the French and Germans. Overall, we rank 35th in the world education league. We won't turn this round ment. Benefit reforms would provide hope for the one-in-five workless households, trapped on benefit by a sys-tem designed for a labour market and family structure

by returning to the 11-plus.
With their record, the Tories
are making a terrible mistake
if they think that a debate
about education will benefit them. That is why we will keep education right at the top of the political and cam-paigning agends. If a few more Conservative ministers actually used the state sector for their own children, they might come to realise what the real concerns of parents actually are.

First, a proper start for all pupils, with decent nursery education and childcare pro-vision. Second, smaller class-sizes in infant schools, paid for by phasing out the assisted places scheme. Third, a new partnership with teach ers to reward excellence, promote professional deve ment, and raise standards. Fourth, making the most of information technology, by combining free and fair competition with the public interest to cable up all schools to the information superhighway. Fifth, new links with the community: associate teachers drawn to help in the classroom, parents and families working in partnership with

teachers. And sixth, broader
A levels and upgraded vocational qualifications.
The traditional "factory"
model of education assumes all children proceed at

fuse to go back to selection but refuse too to make do with uniformity. Today we need a system where students forge ahead in areas of strength, breaking down the traditional equation of ages and stages.

It can be done. In Birmingham, bright 11-year-olds are doing GCSEs. In Oswestry, 15year-olds are taking Open University courses. New tech-nology and a flexible curricu-

lum should make accelerated learning possible for any pupil with talent in a particu-lar subject. In addition, we need to make special efforts to improve inner-city schools. ted itself to year-on-year pressure and support for school-improvement, and to encourage every school to develop

distinctive ethos and Nothing is more important than strong leadership from a skilled headteacher. This isn't just about money. We are looking at ways to provide incentives for beadteachers with a proven track-record of success to commit themselves to help turn round difficult schools. "Twinning" or "mentoring" schemes have started. But we also need special school improvement networks to promote best prac-tice. I will have more to say about this and other initia-

tives tonight. Strong communities are about what people give as much as what they take, and any attempt to rebuild com-munity for a modern age must assert that personal and social responsibility are not continual extrast but social optional extras but core

This means attacking the conditions in which crime breeds, and at the time insisting that serious crimes require punishment. It also means asserting the impor-tance of commitment to strong families, which pro-vide the critical context for children to grow and learn.

N ADDITION, I want to see public service encour-aged and developed. For aged and developed. For example, we have suggested the idea of new "lessons for life" in schools, including practical community service with the elderly or those in need, as well as a new national citizen's service programme for young people, allowing them to see how they can fulfil responsibilities and at the same time fulfil

There are two futures for Britain. The Tories offer a Britain split into two tiers, with affluent communities turned into private fortresses against the world outside. Labour offers the vision of Britain as One Nation - a belief that to help individuals get on we need to reinvent community for the modern

I believe we have reached a third critical turning point in post-war politics. For a gen-eration after 1945, state-led collectivism held sway. The Thatcherites capitalised on its limitations, and ushered in an era of unlettered individualism. That is now coming to a close. Today, the search is on to reinvent o munity for a modern age, true to core-values of fairness, co-operation and responsibility, but applied to the world as it is not the world as it was.

Tony Blair will address Church and community workers tonight

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## Poet against an empire

words and the power of metaphor as any poet among his contemporares, but the emergence of his gift at a particular time and place — he was born in Leningrad almost on the eve of the German invasion — brought him other endowments.

He became the heir to the eat tradition of modernism in Russian poetry, rooted in the moment early in the century when, Andrei Sinyavsky believes, this was the finest poetry in the world. Anna Akhmatova in her passionate old age herself anointed him, saying she had heard nothing like his poems since Ostp Mandelstam. Nadezhda Mandelstam. delstam, characteristically. was more sceptical. Akhmatova, she wrote in her memoir of her martyred husband, Akhmatova's great contemporary, might have overestimated the young Brodsky as a poet because "she was terri-bly anxious that the thread of the tradition she represented should not be broken, and imagining she was again surrounded by poets, she thought she could detect a ferment in the air like that of those early years." Still, Mrs Mandelstam went on "He is . . . a remarkable young man who will come to a bad end, I fear"— which points to yet another, still more equivocal, endowment which came with that blessing of Akhmatova's.

essays on Mandelstam. Brodsky talks about the older poet's "growing identifica-tion," in the twenties, "with the archetypel predicament of 'a poet versus an empire. This was also the predica-ment of the young Pushkin; and, before he was 24, of

Joseph Brodsky too. His career up to that point had not been of the kind that won gold stars or opinions in official Soviet society. For a ("100 per cent Jew, with a tremendous reservoir of guilt"), the son of a naval officer who had been dismissed when he reached the most senior rank was in 1949, the year which saw the arrest and execution of the entire Leningrad party himself from school at the age of 15. read voraciously in the degree meant that he was margins of various temporary soon taken up by critics of a jobs (one of them as a mortu-ary assistant at coroners' following the fall from grace at the age of 18, a crucial de-Stalinising, the thought much pressure from Russian short order by Galich, Solzhe music of his mother speech, the notion — "water is the member of that generation police of one kind and an and foreign writers as could nitsyn, Zinoviev, Maksimov, his devotion to language was image of time" — most memo-and milieu he describes so other, literary and adminis- be brought to bear on that Voinovich, Nekrasov and a kind of religious devotion, rably deployed in a Peters-

OSEPH Brodsky. | warmly in one of the autobio | trative, reacted with predict-who has died aged | graphical essays in his prose | able resentment to Brodsky's graphical essays in his prose collection, Less Than One:

"Nobody knew literature and history better than these people, nobody could write in Russian better than they, nobody despised our times more profoundly. For these characters civilization meant more than than daily bread and a nightly hug. This wasn't, as it might seem, another lost gen-eration. This was the only generation of Russians that had found itself, for whom Giotto and Mandelstam were more imperative than their own personal destinies.

He was taken up by Akhmatova on the strength of early poems - very different from hers - circulated in samizdat, and by his early twenties, reading at clandestine poets' gatherings, he had become the darling of a milien where the natural Russian passion for poetry was again being pressure-cooked by censorship and repression. And this in spite of the picture Mrs Mandelstam gives of him at work: "I have heard Brodsky read his verse. An active part in the process is played by his nose. I have never known anything like it before in all my life: his nostrils expand and contract and do all kinds of funny things, giving a nasal twang to each vowel and consonant. It is like a wind orchestra." The quality of the writing spoke for itself just as unmistakably, how-ever, in poems like The Great Elegy for John Donne, which dreams a sleeping 17th cen-tury London, a sleeping island, with the poet asleep under the dome of St Paul's, and his poems sleeping too: The verses sleep. The stern iambi sleep/The trochees sleep like guards, to left, to right/and in them sleeps a glimpse of Lethe's brook,/and something else beside it sleep-

ing — fame. Another glimpse of the young Brodsky shows him, when the ink was barely dry, reading this poem aloud con amore to his friend Anatoly Naiman in a railway station booking hall, to the horror of the stolid ranks of Soviet citizens queuing for tickets.

Inevitably this irregular patronage and fame, unauthomembership of the Writers' Union, unsuthentiable resentment to Brodsky's far from subdued display of talent and obduracy.

There were several nasty November 1963 he was attacked in the Leningrad press (a piece headed A Semi-literate Parasite), and on a bitter night shortly before Christmas he was surrounded in the street by three men, wrestled into the back of a car and eventually held in the Kashchenko psychiatric hospital in Moscow until January 5. As soon as he returned to Leningrad he was arrested and finally brought to court on February 14, 1964 charged with social parasitism: since he wasn't a poet licensed by the Writers' Union or any other recognised authority, being a poet couldn't be held to be his gainful occupation, and by failing to take up any

other, he was effectively parasite or vagrant QED. By then, however, civil courage among writers and those who cared for literature and freedom, had advanced to the point that a full note of the trial was taken by a woman journalist, and soon got out to the West. It included the famous exchange with the uncomprehending or wilful judge that inscribed Brodsky's name, willy nilly, in the roll of poet heroes: Judge: "What is your Judge:

Brodsky: "I am a poet."

Judge: "Who recognised you as a poet? Who gave you the authority to call yourself a poet? Brodsky: "No one. Who gave

me the authority to enter the human race?" Judge: "Have you studied for it?" Brodsky: "For what?"

Judge: "To become a poet. Why didn't you take further education at school where they prepare you, where you can learn?"

Brodsky: "I didn't think post-

[with evident embarrassment] . . . s gift from God." After a further three weeks among the actually mad and "officially mad" in a psychiat-ric clinic (to which experience we owe the mordant beckett-like cantes of Gor-bunov and Gorchakov) he was sentenced to exile with five years hard labour on a remote state farm in Archan- lead the way in exile — this gel province, but after less time out of the Soviet Union of Khrushchev and his erratic than two years, following as



"I am a poet" . . . Joseph Brodsky was the anointed heir to Russian modernism and to the bitter tradition of persecuted writers

November 1965, to return to Leningrad, in poor health but for the time being at least, in peace. The years that followed he spent partly learning Polish in order to be able to translate Zbigniew Herbert and Czeslaw Milosz, and English so that he could learn deeply from and translate Donne and Andrew Marvell (his poem The Butterfly is an extraordinary reincarnation and translation of the spirit of English metaphysical poetry).

ry was a matter of learning." Judge: "What is it then?". Brodsky: "I think it is.

Vladimov. He also needed English to be able properly to read Auden, another hero among the older generation of living poets, who during the early years of his coming exile would be important to him in a new literature.

portant to him in a new liter-ary universe as Akhmatova had been in his native realm. He was no longer crudely persecuted, though when an invitation was sent to read at the Festival of two Worlds in Spoleto in 1969, the Union of Soviet Writers replied on his behalf, "There is no such poet in Soviet Russia." Compared with the severity with which Sinyavsky and other writers were treated in the late sizties. Brodsky said, he had got off lightly: Only two years. By Soviet standards it's positively homeopathic." But in 1972 he again was obliged to

transcending the sounds and structures of any one tongue. Two days after Brodsky arrived unwillingly in Vienna, all his manuscripts confis-As he put it in his acceptance speech when he was made Nobel laureate in 1987, it's not cated and impounded in the airport customs store in Mosthat language is the poet's in-strument, but that he is its cow, he was in Auden's house. at Kirchstetten. He was al-If language was something

ready in Auden's debt not least for helping to focus a no-tion that would be central to like his god, separation made Mnemosyne Josef Brodsky's muse and consoling mate in his own aesthetic with those lines about how Time "Worhis bereavement. Most literaships language and forgives / Everyone by whom it lives". Now the old post consoled all exiles are also sentenced to be memorialists, but the intensity of the gaze with which he conjured Leningrad's streets and buildings out of its Baltic marshland mists in him and "looked after my affairs with the diligence of a good mother hen," offering, to Brodsky's embarrassment, to poem after poem, and page after page of his prose, has translate him, and, more immediately invaluable, fixing a grant from the Academy of American Poets that would more than a touch of the thagus about it. In corners of at the first of his several tised eye found pieces of "Peter", as its natives were American teaching jobs, at the University of Michigan. Exile and separation from the language Brodsky identiknowing it a gesture, a mood, a pediment, the limb of a fied with the deepest spring of statue. "I, too, once lived in a

the poet's and the nation's soul did not, as the party city whose cornices used to court / clouds with statues..." he writes in a poem for his Italian publisher. And silence his troublesome tongue or weaken his spirit passionately as he loves Venice, in his last prose work, He had understood and declared himself to be an exile in his own land long before he was made to leave it, so he was not now 'beheaded' by Watermark, one often senses behind its celebrations of his love, the presence of that other, Northern dreamworld physical severance. In any floating not in the Adriatic case, passionately though he but the Baltic.

which may prove to be the book by which he is best remembered by readers with-out Russian. "Reflected every second by thousands of square feet of running silver amalgam", wrote this son of a sailor-turned-photographer, this wideawake revenant scanning the quays of the Neva, "it's as if the city were constantly being filmed by its river." Like his abiding preoccupation with time itself, it reminds you of his master Mandelstam, whose Journey to Armenia, for example, another visit recollected in short "takes", is as full of metaphors that make your hair stand on end. And like Mandelstam too, with all his power of memory Brodsky is eminently a poet of his present time, and a "renewer of language", as one of his best critics puts it, wrestling stoi-cally with the bleak existential themes of the late twentieth century, but also quickly getting to grips with the second. Anglo-American cul-

burg essay in Less Than One.

the earlier prose collection

poem in English, an Elegy on the death of Auden in 1975.)
"Growing old! Good day,
my old age!" The poet and his
poetry had been fighting the
battle with Time ands death at least since the age of 32.

ture history has required him to take on. (He wrote his first

Time equals coid. Each body, sooner or later, falls prey to the

telescope. With the years, tt moves away from the luminary, grows colder.

But the gift of the Word grants a stay of execution and, if not immortality, an afterlife warmed by the spirit's aspiration:

> to God's least creature is given voice for spee

for song — a sign that it has found a way to bind together, and stretch life's limits, whether an hour or day.

The way in which the Word most signally defeats Time (and other tyrannies, how ever), is by remembering:
"And there was a city", he wrote in the title piece of Less Than One, recalling his route to school along the Neva. The most beautiful city on the face of the earth. With an immense grey river that hung over its distant bottom like the immense grey sky over that river. Along that river there stood magnificent palaces with such beautifully elaborated facades that if the little boy was standing on the right bank, the left bank looked like the imprint of a giant mollusk called civilisa

Joseph Brodsky, poet, born Len-

Ingrad, May 24, 1940; died Janu-

tion. Which ceased to exit." W L Webb

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Harold Brodkey

## iterary calculations

famous unread writer. He was famous for the quality of his withholding: for almost 20 years he worked on a great key was also sick. In 1993, the American wager, that of producing a late 20th century novel of Melville-like stature. He received advances from at that he had Aids, and suggest that he had Aids. least five publishers for this ing, improbably, that he had novel; its arrival was an- been infected in the late sixnovel; its arrival was announced — "Brodkey delivers" ties. (Brodkey is survived by — on a New York Times front his second wife, the novelist page. But the The Runaway
Soul did not appear until 1991,
and it baffled and disappointed

Ellen Schwamm.)
His shroud was one of his
finest works: this beautiful

most critics. essay calmly accepted death
Thus Brodkey, in literary and probed the limits of imterms, had two lives: before and after the novel. The life before was a crescendo of unwitnessed invariate the artific before was a crescendo of unwitnessed invariate the artific witnessed promise (the critic softly lif, vastly dark. The self Harold Bloom called Brodkey becomes taut with metamor-"an American Proust"); the life after publication was life

grey and spindly. But Brod-

phosis ... and to have a not quite-great-enough fearlessafter verification. Brodkey ness toward that immensity had been examined and given of the end of individuality,

AROLD Brodkey, barely a pass. He had lost his toward one's absorption into the dance of particles and inwho has died aged 65, wager. And indeed, after publication, Brodkey seemed audibility." More simply, he famous unread writer. winded and discarded. A tall and striking man had become nothing further at this point. Pray for me." He was born in Illinois. His

mother died when he was 17 months old, and he was adopted by his father's second cousin, Doris Brodkey, who lived in Missouri. This up-heaval, and Doris's cancer when Brodkey was eight, shaped his creative life. In his short stories, and in The Run-away Soul, Brodkey would recreate, and drown again in. those traumas. Brodkey grew up thinking of himself as an orphan, and his striving for originality may be seen as an attempt to be parentless, to be free of literary ancestors: to

be out of time.

Brodkey belonged to that
American strain that feels, as Melville put it, that original voice had been added "it is better to fail in original to American fiction.

and the problem with a double-

which appeared in 1958, was dutiful, accomplished, and palpably indebted to J D Salinger. Like Saul Bellow's first two novels, this peaceable book let out no hint of the stylistic revolution that was massing in its gardens. For the next 30 years, Brodkey worked, fitfully, on The Runaway Soul. Every so often, he published a 30-page fragment in the New Yorker, these scraps fed the celebrity-beast, and excited great anticipations — and great apprehen-sions too. When these frag-ments were collected in a book of stories published in 1988 called Stories In An Al-most Classical Mode, there was a sense that a fine and



Brodkey . . . America's Prous

Brodkey's prose was unlike any other contemporary writer's. Stylistically, it had some of the "fine excess" of Romantic lyric, mixed with a distinctively American bospitality towards the sublime. Philo-sophically, it was outland-ishly post-Freudian.

Brodkey sought to flood the self in meaning, to reach beneath selfhood, toward its amateurishness, its infinite dilemmas. He was interested in conveying to the reader a grotesque minuteness. If that involved 30 pages on the exact to make an original god of

tonalities of his mother's every man, will never leave speach, or 30 pages on the American writing, and will speech, or 30 pages on the bliss and struggle of one act of oral sex - his most famous story, called innocence then so be it. No one could accuse Brodkey's writing of failing in imitation.

Yet this prose can be weari-somely original. Like Whitman and Lawrence, which it resembles, Brodkey's prose, for all its hesitations and waverings and serpentine sen-tences ("sort of" and "partly" were his favourite words) can be oddly dogmatic. When Brodkey's great novel finally appeared, most critics decided that they did not want

to be lectured to.
But Brodkey's stories will certainly last; and there are stretches of his 900-page novel which achieve an authentic majesty. At the simplest level, Brodkey was a lovely poet, a describer of trees and light:
"The trees around me were in new leaf, shyly pointillist." Or writing about the air at dawn: "Partly asleep, partly adance, but in veils, frembling with heavy moisture."
The American urge, which has its roots in Transcendentalism, to challenge holiness,

always be vulnerable to English pragmatism and Oc cam's rezor. It will always look a little foolish.

And Brodkey did look foolish. He became famous not for his writing, but for the flashy gymnastics of his career. He toyed with journalists and critics. played flirtatious games with the literary world's opinion of him. Brodkey ran his career with an eye for the quotable, while denying that he was running anything, or indeed that he had a career. He was both supremely worldly and genu-inely intoxicated with litera-ture — and hence supremely unworldy. He liked to set up

impossible oppositions.
"Either I am truly great, or I am a fraud," he said to me when I interviewed him. He was, perhaps, monstrously in-nocent. He believed himself when he said such things. He was calculating, but all his greatest calculations were directed towards literature.

James Wood

Harold Brodkey, writer, born 1930; died January 26, 1996

Birthdays

Tony Blackburn, disc jockey. 53; Leslie Bricusse, composer, 65; Sacha Distel, singer, 63; Germaine Greer, feminist and writer, 57; Tim Healy, actor and comedian, 44; John Junkin, actor and scriptwriter, 66; Raymond Keene, chess grandmaster, 47; Margaret Laird, Third Church Estates Commissioner. 63; Victor Mature, actor. 81; Julie Mellor, equal opportunities director, British Gas, 38; Andy Roberts, cricketer, 45; Kath-arine Ross, actress, 53; Tom Selleck, film actor, 51; Vis-count Tonypandy, former Commons Speaker, 67; Brian Trubshaw, former test pilot, 72: Oprah Winfrey, actress, talk show bost, producer, 42

In Memoriam

Jackdaw



#### Demi diva

MOST PEOPLE think that being a diva is about attitude, but when you live and breathe divadom, as I do, you learn that there are no hard-and-fast rules for being a diva, if only because if there were, no diva would lower herself to follow them. In fact, I don't even like to consider myself a diva, a denial which is by itself a sign of divadom, and if you don't agree with me, you're

Just kidding, Really, I am a benevolent diva, and know I must be a diva, because I do have some of the indispensable diva travel accessories, like my portable pets (a Yorkie and

a miniature Doberman, each under three pounds) and my giant diamonds...The diamonds are also under three pounds, but I'm working on it. For my birthday, my husband bought me a miniature diamond engagement ring to wear on a chain, and some diamond earrings of a major, major nature, but unfortunately, since I fall into the category of being a diva with a pinhead, they're too much, even for me. And of course, nothing travels as well as part-ownership in a hugely profitable national restaurant

A true diva will do anything for her art. I have even gone so far as to roll around in a semiclad state on piles of money and Michael Douglas. And in my next movie, GI Jane, my hair gets shaved off on-cam-era, which should be pretty glamorous, though maybe not as glamorous as standing on a set in a bra and G-string during a night shoot when you have a cold and have to keep two tissues stuffed up your nose so it won't run all over

your perfectly defined diva lipstick . . . My husband is also a diva,

diva marriage is that we've created diva offspring. United in our divadom, we look forward to a morning without being peed on, which I think always adds a touch of class to the day, personally. When I get to the set, I fall into the chair for some simultaneous face poking and hair pulling, and occasionally get a leg's worth of body makeup done, which goes pretty quickly, because when you have a job that entails body make-up going up to the crotch, you learn to get it down to at least an hour and a half. The next phase of this glamorous process is the wardrobe fittings, and in the particular case of Striptease, that means the joy of things that go up your butt. After I'm all dry-cleaned and dressed, we move to the final phase, plucking stray hairs out of my legs with tweezers. Perversely, I have come to love this, and am ob-sessively searching for the per

fect tweezers. Unfortunately, so far I haven't found any diamond-studded ones. Still, being a diva isn't all hard work. You always get a good table at restaurants. You don't have to walk long distances in uncomfortable shoes although you do have to walk uncomfortable shoes for

Actress, and now writer, Demi Moore tells it how it is in American maeazine Details.

#### Village news IT TAKES a village to raise a

Of course it does. After all, children can be such a burden when there are cattle futures to be traded, worlds to be saved and political campaigns to be won. Few parents, particularly those who have freely chosen that most family-un-friendly of professions, politics, can do it themselves. So indeed it does take a village, preferably one transported from Guatemala or some such nlace where the natives gladly will provide what Hillary Rodham Clinton so delicately

change for a few Yankee dol-lars off the books. The full title of Mrs Clinton's little book of proverbs, pieties and public

calls "surrogate care" in ex-

policy ought to have been: It Takes A Village — and Lots of Nifty Government Programs Which Parents Have . Managed to Live Without for Centuries . . .

The warm and fuzzy lec-

tures of the high and mighty have become a tiresome and even offensive spectacle, because there is hardly a more self-centred, self-absorbed, anti-family business than that of tramping far and wide in search of votes, campaign contributions and the adulation that makes it all worthwhile. Asking politicians to instruct us in the art of raising children is something like consulting the US Conference of Catholic Bishops for tips on

to say, but ultimately they're just guessing... Mrs Clinton's solutions offer nothing new. The book combines Hints From Heloise ("If a can of soda held upright fits through the slats on the side of a baby's crib, the space between them is too wide") with politics-of-meaning babble ("All of us must renew

sexual performance. They

mean well, and they may even have something worthwhile

and work to live up to its expectations and values") and bald-faced political partisan-ship ("As my husband said in his 1995 State of the Union selection of sugarcoated quotes ("There's no place like home") and you have a volume that contributes little to

the debate about children. Although it does at least offer an advance look at this year's

SAN BUSICIS The street Skin deep . . . H&Q

Terry Galway takes a clear-vyed look at First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's book It Takes A Village in the New York Observer.

Democratic Party platform.

#### Sniff sniff

MY PERSONAL favourite is our Pureness skin-care line, The idea for this water-based moisturiser began when I was on holiday and sat watching a river flowing through a valley. The flow of pure cleansing water brought to mind the use of "purifying moisture". as a good marketing term, especially for younger skins.

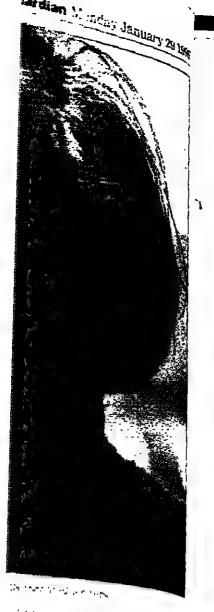
THE PRODUCT of which I am most proud is our Blanc de Chanel . . . It was created to lighten some of the darker areas of the face and add luminosity to the skin, and can be mixed with a foundation. Admittedly, there's no particular product I wish I had created, but what I wish I could create is a mascara with an automatic brush. It would make it so easy to apply. Now that would be a cosmetic

MY FAVOURITE? The Eye shadow Prism, in any shade, h It's a new concept for eye
It's a new concept for eye
make-up, five shades and two
textures all in a lovely compact, and no one had done it, we herore. There's a real pleasure in succeeding with your work. in seeing a new concept be-

MY FAVOURITE creation 31 goes back to 1985. The name Poison, was so hold. I remember we spent our time swing ing between great excitement' and complete terror at what we had done. I do admire the fragrance Shocking from Schiaparelli, although it's no longer available. This was a real surrealist creation which inspired so many other fra grance houses. Cosmetics creators reveal their secrets to Harpers & Queen.

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## Who's whistling the best tunes now?



thought - Keynesian and laissez-faire have fought them-selves to a standstill. The socalled neo-classical counter-revolution that gained scendancy over the past 20 years has at last rum its course but, although the new Keynesians have arrested its have yet to turn their advantage into winning the policy lebate. These are in-between

The right's setback is remarkable, especially as sheer momentum still allows it to set the political agenda and thus give the apparent impression it is intellectually dominant. But this is more because of the vigour of the 1970s attack of the new wave of new-right economists, almost entirely from the US, insisting that western capitalist economies had to return to first free-market principles if they were to break the log-jam of stagilation.

Vigour in argument has not been matched by subsequent economic performance hence the growing vulnerabil-ity to counter-attack. In the US, for example, the long-run growth rate is unchanged. while the business cycle ems as unstable as it ever was. In Britain, the growth rate may have improved relative to our European peers, but it has still fallen abso-

Britain's deficiency in manufacturing productivity has partly closed, but that has brought no accompanying imginally against the average. This is a pretty chequered re-cord, and the right's intellecThe counter-revolution-aries attack in the 1970s was

two-pronged. Governments, attempt actively to manage the level of demand in the economy through fiscal pol-icy (changing the gap be-tween government spending policy (changing interest rates and the liquidity in the financial system). All they should do is make sure the amount of money in circula-tion grew constantly to ensure minimal or po inflation. Microeconomic policy should be focused solely on ensuring that market incenensuring that market incen-tives were as pure as possible. In the US, in particular, a group of so-called "supply-sid-ers" insisted that taxation was the major economic dis-tortion blighting western

Behind these claims highly congenial to Conserva-tives everywhere — lay same fancy new economic theory. Discretionary macroeconomic policy of the type Keynes favoured was necessarily self-defeating, argued University of Chicago profes-sors Milton Friedman and Robert Lucas over the 1970s. If governments tried to offset the effect of a recession or boom, then, paradoxically, the impact would be to make the next swing in the economic cycle more, not less, unstable. Stagilation arose because of government attempts

economies.

union power.
Prof Lucas's theory of rational expectations argued, in essence, that, as long as markets work freely, economic agents never make other than short-term mistakes in under-

at economic management.

along with high taxes and

around them.

A recession, for example, is caused not by deep-set market failure but by the short-run phenomenon that firms and workers do not drop their prices quickly snough to provement in the growth of prices quickly enough to provement in the growth of price themselves back into activity. They can't be sure in inflation has declined, so it has worldwide, with the British rate improving only maringly approving the grounds. they realise they face a recession they soon realise what

A woman's place is now in front

policy in response is patience.

The Bank of England or the Treasury cannot be substantially wiser than the many firms which make up the economy, so they will act only when experience also is proper. when everyone else is recog-nising what is going on, and thus boost an economy that is already recovering, causing it to overshoot if policy has any real effect, said the new right.

There is also the notion that the only good direction for taxation is down. This just about held up when inflation and interest rates were in that, as Harvard's Professor Martin Feldstein showed, taxation of the high nominal interest rates paid to savers without adjusting for infla-tion meant that the real return on savings after infla-tion went negative — depress-ing the incentives to save and so hurting saving and invest-

It is obviously true that very high marginal rates of tax are deterrents to effort. But once inflation falls to low levels and high marginal tax rates are reduced, the tax-cutting supply-siders are left with little substantive proof for their claims.

ment levels.

S MIT's Professor Paul Krugman ar-gues, even the great homes of free-market economics like the University of Chicago never endorsed the wilder supply-siders' case. Today there is no US economist of the stature of Martin Feldstein pushing the idea that tax cuts paid for themselves by the boost to economic activity, and the case is made by right-wing ideologues rather

than economists. The same is increasingly true of the critique of Keynesian demand management. American New Keynesians have made a substantial dent in the idea that rational expectations mean the entire conception is impossible, Prolessors George Akerlof at MIT and Greg Mankiw of Harvard have developed the intriguing idea that it is rational for economic agents not to be com-ideas is emerging that will pletely rational. Most of us underpin a new politics. The

tuni case needs even more omy self-regulates itself back mation so that the market careful scrutiny. realise our mistakes, they say, but by making rough

> A restaurateur doesn't change his prices every day. And taxpayers don't think when the government bor-rows money for a large road-building programme, that it will have to raise taxes some time in the future to pay off the debt so they had better save now to be ready for the extra taxation. It might be "rational", but nobody in the

> real world behaves like that.
> But if individuals are ratio nal in being nearly rational, then Friedman's and Lucas's proof that demand manage-ment is self-defeating fails. Economies, as Keynes said, can get locked into disequilib-riums for long periods be cause individuals and firms are just unable to find the array of prices that allows the economy to return by itself to the path of rising output and full employment. Prices are not reliable enough in a nearly rational world to co-or-dinate economic activity except in the very long run, and

by then we are dead.

We need the government to act to break the impasse; and the economy does respond to deflationary and expansion-

ary stimuli.

There is growing acceptance that the quality of human capital, public infrastructure and trust relations within firms are key determinants of growth. Economists arguing for capitalism and careless about inequality and income distribution are increasingly hard to find, even

on the free-market right. But, on the left, there are few who advocate old-fash-loned government pumppriming and intervention. The new Keynesian ideas advocate government acting more subtly, building up human and physical capital, moderating inequality. While accepting that demand management remains a powerful tool, it is best used sparingly.

that the right still has all the best tunes. Wrong, Its case is evaporating. A new range of proceed not by exhaustively only question is how long it gathering every piece of infor-will take to get there.

#### Increased speed on M4 causes some to fear inflationary pile-up

#### Briefing

Richard Thomas

UIETLY, virtually unnoticed, monetarism's corpse finally stopped twitching this month, Chancellor Kenneth Clarke delivered his second quarter-point cut in interest rates in five wheks, just days before figthe money supply growing at a double-digit annual rate for the first time in more than

four years. To most of us, M4 is a fast read to South Wales. But to economists the measure of broad money - including ster-ling in all bank and building society accounts, as well as cash in circulation — is a bone of contention. To some, any rise represents storm clouds on the inflation front. To others, it is of little concern.

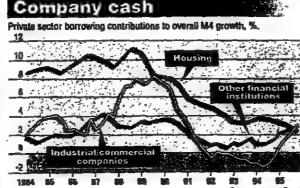
Professor Tim Congdon, a broad-money specialist at Gerrard and National, says an increase in M4 inevitably leads to higher prices. "At the end of the day, you can't sim-ply get rid of money," he said.
"And money isn't held for any other reason than to alter consumption. You might have

George, Governor of the Bank of England, were worried big scale to fund Glaxo/Well-about M4 last July, when it come-style takeovers — Mr was growing at an annual Cole has identified 241 billion rate of 6.7 per cent, well inside the Treasury's 3-9 per cent monitoring range. Now, with M4 growth at 10 per cent. they must be really worried and even thinking about putting base rates up again.

worth of mergers and acquisi-tions in 1995. Although takeovers drive up asset prices — and by ex-tension the wealth of the

owners of those assets — he argues that little will leak

Firms have borrowed on a



Or, more likely, not. In part | into extra spending. This is this is because M4's current | because the bulk of personal behaviour may not presage higher inflation. Adam Cole, an economist at James Capel, lots of investments, but if you get a bit more you might well say: I might as well go and buy that yacht after all." If demand for money rises, overall demand will eventu-

wealth is held in the form of "contracted" savings, mostly pension and insurance funds.

Mr Cole estimates that a 10 per cent increase in equity prices results in an inflation rate only 0.2 of a point higher four years later. By contrast, a 10 per cent jump in house

ally be stoked up, prices will money on the corporate side, rise. Pariod.

Mr Clarke and Eddie related demand of the 1980s.

But Prof Congdon says this But Prof Congdon says this analysis understates how an increase in the amount of money in one area can affect

value of a pension fund in-creases, the parent company might decide to reduce its contributions and give work-ers higher wages instead— which would feed quickly into the high street. There is another reason not to be too complacent about

M4. The composition of the higher demand for money is pretty benign now. Flush with cash, the banking sector is, however, looking to offload some of it - on to you and me. Money is being marketed more aggressively, lending rules relaxed a little, incen-tives such as cashbacks and rate discounts offered. This kind of supply-side action could shift demand for money from the personal sector up a few notches, especially if con-sumer confidence begins to return. Consumption could

really start motoring.
All this is likely to remain scademic, though. Even if the transmission belt between money and inflation is running, the end results will be slow in coming — Prof Cong-don talks about 1998. If the Conservatives win the

next election, a bit of inflation in the middle of a record fifth term will be a small price to pay. If they don't, it will be someone else's problem.

## line of empirical observation

#### Debate

Jane Humphries and Shirley Dex

N AN article in the Guard-ian last November, Anna Palmer argued that economics, as a discipline, is male-dominated in that its practitioners are mainly men, and as a subject is sexist and

Palmer is right to say that economists are mainly men. Women have been conspicu-ously absent as researchers and, with notable exceptions, issues to do with women have been neglected as the subjects of research. Most economists would agree with this liberal feminist critique of economics and endorse affirmative action in response. The increasing representation of women should carry with it a gender-sensitive broadening of the empirical domain of topics relevant to women.

not by subject matter, an empirical domain, but by methodology. Work on hitherto neglected topics — the family.

But economics, unlike many disciplines, is defined

mainstream economists seems to rationalise and reinforce traditional gender stereotypes. Feminists have traced their dissatisfaction to economists' failure to understand the particular constraints which women face, and to economists' concept of rationality.

These are deeper problems than the under-representa-tion of women or the neglect of empirical issues. For, if feminist aconomists are to challenge economists' ways of economics turns viciously upon them; if feminists do not

stream guys, then they are not doing economics at all Like Palmer, we are pre-pared to brave the proctors of our discipline in wanting to go further to challenge the methodology of economics. The question is how Palmer suggests that women have "different" ways of knowing than men and, in view of the methods, women should use research — a view easy to car-icature (and deride).

If all knowledge is relative, and currently male, changing it to female knowledge will not solve the problems of the no challenge to mainstream discipline. Why should men practices. Yet it is precisely listen to something so self-admittedly relativist as Palmology of economics, which feminist economists mistrust.

All too often the work of nist economists, must be to the old "choices" - whereby struggle to understand the real world. We would argue that neo-classical economics itself is undergoing change. Rational economic man has been revamped. Markets and exchange, hitherto the be-all and end-all of economics, ap-

pear as only one solution to the co-ordination problem. While it would be farfetched to see the changes within the discipline as the result of feminist criticisms, recognition that rationality and markets are imperfec approaching problems, the has implications for the anal-methodological definition of vsis of the family and women ysis of the family and women

feminists cannot ignore.

Nancy Folbre, for example. (Who pays for the kids? Gen-der and the Structures of Constraint, 1994) has exploited the opportunities implicit in Judge Management Institute, these developments to replace | Cambridge University

women choose to specialise in home-making because of their low earning capacity, while being simultaneously unable to command high pay because theory of male patriarchal power combined with the op-

eration of self-interest.
Structures of constraint emerge as the joint outcome of efforts to solve problems of labour division, and the power of some groups to force others to pay a disproportionate share of the costs. Unlike the relativism proposed by Palmer, this approach towards a feminist economics insists on engaging with the

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THE Marcus Nelson Mur-ders, the 1973 film that introduced the detective Kojak, ranged him against an intellectually corrupt prosecutor so determined to convict a black youth that he effectively put the defendant on trial twice. That technique was de-scribed in the film as "get-ting him coming and get-ting him going". Just like

say the Maxwell defendants were not forewarned about were not incewarned about the likely reaction of the authorities to a flouting of the official will. Two weeks and two days before Kevin and Iau Maxwell were ar-rested on June 18, 1992, the Depicts electronic veted out Danish electorate voted out the Massiricht treaty, thus legally killing the plans for economic and monetary union. That verdict was not allowed to stand for long. the case of our own Kevin either. Europe's top brass morary, correct ones are temporary, correct ones are temporar

policy, all the way up from an individual fraud case to pan-European monetarism.
The need to have the correct decisions approved by untutored voters and jurors is a major incon-venience. But it can be

dealt with by referring Norway, whose recent back an incorrect verdict rejection of European until the correct one is

Worm's eye

the jury system should be done away with in cases of this kind and replaced by a "panel of experts" (presumably racist cops).

Nevertheless, no one can be well acquittal. In legal circles, that tactic is known as abuse of process, but the brass do not see it like that. It is genuine in the quest for which the "correct" verdict was obtained. Only last abuse of process, but the brass do not see it like that. It is genuine in its quest for correctifude in economic was obtained. Only last year, the Court of Appeal turned away the defendants even though, in order to do so, the court had to contradict its earlier ruling that judges should not sub-stitute themselves for ju-rors. Consider the case of

> Union membership was greeted with contemptuous Needless to say, whereas issurances that the Norwe-incorrect decisions are temping in a would have to think

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David Irvine in Melbourne sees Boris Becker and Monica Seles recapture the Australian Open singles titles in the style of true champions

## Calm Becker collects again Seles focus on Wimbledon

satisfying and memorable deeds after surviving crises in the early rounds of Grand Slam tournaments. It is almost as if he needs his game to be tempered in the fires of contro-

So it was again here at Flinders Park yesterday when the German, who had risen phoenix-like from the ashes three times, seized back the Australian Open men's title he had suspected was for ever more

"It's five years since the last time I spoke to you. And to tell you the truth," he told an admiring 14,000 crowd after beating Michael Chang 6-2, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2, "I didn't think I had a Grand Slam left in me." And Becker, now 28, left no one in doubt that his seventh major title meant as much as the first he won as a 17-year-old at Wimbledon.

less, hungry — some would say arrogant — upstart, who was hardly aware of the enormousness of what he was achieving. But here he was calm, patient, totally controlled and clear-headed; the elder statesman almost. That his appetite is restored, though, he made abundantly

going to put my feet up and relax, which I should, actu-ally," he said. "No, I now bebig ones. As long as my wife and son are there to support me and it doesn't look like I'm embarrassing myself in shorts, then I'm going to do it."

In 1993, when he failed to survive his first-round match with Anders Jarryd, a qualiout at the same stage to Patrick McEnroe, his tennis was indeed an embarrassment. And, as he readily agreed it

Seeing him treating Chang.

trailed by two sets to one against the British No. 1 Greg Rusedski in the first round; by two sets to Thomas Johansson in the second; and by Steven in the fourth.

Maybe, having heard of Becker's early trials, Chang was lured into believing the German would start slowly have been more wrong. Becker came out firing and inside 12 minutes Chang was points to his name.

"It surprised me a little," said Chang, "Normally Boris didn't seem like that at all. Chang had anticipated aces. What he had not expected was to be forced on to the back

'I'm not going to relax. I believe l can win a couple more big ones'

clear game plan and it worked out to perfection," said Becker, Especially, it seemed, when he hit low, sliced approach shots to Chang's backhand to set up so many oppor-

Whether through a lapse in concentration or momentary the third set after missing two break points in the first game Chang had the initiative and Becker, his serve backfiring, forced errors. Wisely, perhaps, Becker de-

the beginning of the fourth

ORIS BECKER has | helpless marionette, it was | fight for the third. And in the A double fault by the American, after a mobile phone had pierced the silence as he prepared to serve, offered a tiny opening and an overrule by the umpire, after a Chang good at 30-30, unsettled the fifth seed further. Needing one point for a 2-1 lead

which Chang netted. Thereafter the Becker band wagon was back on track. Chang was fortunate to hold from 0-40 for 2-3, but fell behind 2-5 when Becker produced a cross-court forehand which Chang volleyed into the net. Three minutes later it was all over.

just better than I was," said a disappointed Chang. Asked if said he was still optimistic.
"Sometimes people forget that
I'm still only 23. I feel like my
best tennis is ahead of me. I'm come again and that next time things will go my way." Becker, now in what he calls the autumn of his

reminder that it is dangerous to write off any player of proven ability; especially one like himself who has — out of necessity, he admits — systematically changed his game in the past two years to be-come a complete player

ping down the rankings a hit more time for me as I've never seen you as a Grand now I know the fire is back



pion, arrives at Wimbledon in late June to mount her challenge for the one major championship she has yet to claim, she will probably not have played competitively on grass for four years. Her last match there was

6-1. But that experience will not deter her.
. Seles reached the US Open

game and one preparatory tournament, and here at Flinders Park on Saturday he defeated the German Anke Huber 6-4, 6-1 for her ofter only the 23rd match of

ere but I like the gras have a hit on the courts at Kooyong — former home of the Australian Open — be-fore leaving for Tokyo, where she plays this week in the Pan Pacific event.

Her serious grass court the United States' Fed Cup tie in Austria in late April. "I'll be playing on grass for two weeks before the clay ourt season in Europe.

in 1989 and 1992 and Zina Garrison in 1990. But she of the grunting controversy, which finally got to her in a dismal rain-interrupted final with Graf.
Seles's decibel level.

tennis is, if anything, more phenomenal than ever Huber, who gave it everything, managed one terrific set but simply ran out of steam as Seles returned with interest everything thrown at her.

Yet the fact that both Huber and Chanda Rubin testing time is a heartening development for the women's tour after the criticism that its "bland, un imaginative and uncompetthe main charges) have taken recently.

Over the next few months it will be no surprise if players such as Kimiko Date, Jana Novotna, Ga-briela Sabatini, Mary Joe Fernandez and Maggie Maleeva are passed by younger aspirants such as Rubin, Huber, Iva Majoff,

much greater depth in the game now. And according that Jennifer Capriati, who has appeared only once since the 1993 US Open, may return at the Lipton Championships at Key Biscayne in March.



#### Britain draw bogy sides Woosnam back

lands for the Olympics in Atlanta next July. This is their lot after all the effort of getting there over the past 10 days in the Olympic Qualifying Tournament here.

They will need to finish first or second in Group B to reach the semi-finals in Atlanta, but the group also in-cludes South Korea, the most improved side in the world, South Africa and Malaysia.

Malaysia, whom they beat -2 on Saturday to guarantee their qualification, filled the fifth and last qualifying place vesterday in controversial fashion against India, Malaysis, still needing a point to

parents, said: "The International Hockey Federation prove that they are in charge of this game. We were taught that honesty was the essence of the Olympic ideal."

Cedric Pereira, the coach of India, who conceded first place to Netherlands by their failure to win, answered suggestions of a fix. "If there is an iots of truth which can be proved. I will resign," he said. But he admitted: "Our performance was miserable, disgusting, disgraceful. My play-ers were totally unfocused." ers were totally unfocus

Britain's narrow victory over Malaysia hid the true suqualify, played out a goalless periority of the British team, draw in circumstances that who failed throughout the

Reid saves day as England win shoot-out

REAT BRITAIN have landed in the same group as their bogy ides Australia and Nether- Kenyan-born of Indian story yesterday when they beat Belgium 2-0 to ensure third place in the final rankings. Both goals were scored by Calum Giles, the corner specialist, to take his tally to eight. Only the Dutchman

scored more.

Britain were without their captain Laslett (ankle injury) and used the substitutes Hall and Hoskin on the wings. If fluency was missing, the attack made ample inroads into a defence held together by Coudron. Shaw set up three openings in the first half, Hall and Hoskin missing chances. Nick Thompson also failed to profit from a fine run his only two corners.

Taco van der Honert, with 12,

## tested credibility and prompted Canada, who later beat Belarus 7-1 but ware destined qualification to capitalise on their chances. It was the same beat Belarus 7-1 but ware destroy yesterday when they

AN WOOSNAM produced two dramatic 25ft putts which in turn forced a Johnnie Walker Classic here vesterday.

The 37-year-old Welshman, who had not had a tournament victory for 16 months and who ended the 1995 season contemplating retirement, bounced back with a stunning victory, beating the Scot Andrew Coltart with a birdie putt at the third hole of a play-off after they had tied on the 6-under-par total of 272.

Woosnam, clearly buoyed by his victory, has now set is sights on winning the US Masters title for a second time at Augusta in April. "That's what I'll be looking for if I keep playing like I did here," he said.

The former world No. 1 had plummeted to 57th place in the rankings last year and hit rock bottom when he pulled out of the World Cup in China in No-vember and flew home. and I was hitting the ball so short," he said. "I was 30

and I was thinking that if life I didn't want to play. He then saw a television programme which compared his swing with that which helped him win the Masters in 1991. "I couldn't swing properly because my

djustment in my stance this week and got my rhythm and power back." Coltart, who last year helped Scotland to win the Alfred Dunhill Cup at St Andrews, was left still seeking his first victory on seeking his first vactory on the European Tour despite equalling the course record with a 65 that included seven birdies in nine holes. Joint third, on 13 under par, were Essex's Paul

programme helped me to see what I was doing. I made an

Curry, the Swede Olie Karlsson and the Australian Wayne Riley. Britain's Chris Davison shot a third-round 70 to move within six shots of the leader Wayne Westner in the South African Masters at Port Edward. The South African, nine under from the English-born Chris Williams and Zimba

#### Gardener's cage-rattler

Stephen Sierley

VERYBODY in the
National Indoor Arena
National Indoor Arena
Something special when Ja
680 or so was on the cards in on Gardener blurred across the blue carpet track to win the 60 metres in a remarkable 5.55sec during Saturday's international against Russia.
Only five British athletes

have ever run faster indoors, including Linford Christie with 6.47, and Britain's chief coach Malcolm Arnold clearly experienced the tingle factor. Jason is very much in the developmental phase but this was a staggering run. If Linford had run 6.55 first time out in an indoor season he would have been very, very leased." he said.

In 1994 Gardener won silver at the world junior championships, prompting Arnold to select the Bath youngster in the relay squad for last year's senior event in Gothenburg. will always produce decent performances, and then there

are those athletes who can really perform, " said Arnold. Clearly Gardener, whose family were not always keen on an athletics career for him, is one of the latter and his pronder close acrutiny.

of pretenders to Christie's po-sition and many have fallen by the wayside — often after

had not anticipated". He added that the time, equalled champion Bruny Surin at the Sindelfingen meeting, would

'rattle a few cages". edly made in the first flush of excitement, might better have been suppressed, although Lease and Gardener otherwise appeared down to earth about the future. Gardener's main aim is to qualify for the Olympics at the trials in June, though he also intends running at the European indoor championships in Stock-

holm in March This might be seen as over-

year, "Obviously it is a prob-lem in Olympic year," said Arnoid. "If you are looking to peak in mid-March then you cannot really remarks to the cards in June. Some athletes face a big decision, and you have to advise them to tread warily. Lease believes that both ob-

ectives can be achieved by racing Gardener lightly. The coach likened sprinting to piano playing, saying: "It's a skill; we can keep him fast all the time." It is to be hoped he is right, as too many British Paderewskis have ended up playing only Chopsticks, The national coach Arnold,

who admits he is a "natural pessimist", had every reason for a little optimism after Dai ton Grant's high jump performance. Nick Buckfield's UK indoor pole vault record and Tony Whiteman's promising

Diwell at

cooking the egg. particularly | 1500m win from the front.

#### Gebrselassie defies the bends

THIOPIA's Haile Gebrasel sie said after the run in Sindelfingen, Germany.

In Perth, Linford Christie door debut on Saturday, his chopping almost 10.98sec three days in a wind-as-the mark set by Tanzania's scale 10.0sec. "I'm still in Suleiman Nyambui in New

"It was my first time indoors and it was difficult with the bends," Gebrselas-

won his second 100m in heavy training so to run 10sec at this time of year in any conditions is pretty good," he said. Colin Jack

#### The goalkeeper Carolyn Reid was England's shoot-out heroine, twice denying the Crook making it i-1 from a penalty corner and Sam Winners, with only Ellen Murray on the scoresheet for penalties after Germany had lona Olympics, were worthy yards behind guys I nor-mally hit it 20 yards past

Championship final when they won a dramatic penalty sides were locked at 2-2 at full time in Glasgow

Mandy Nicholls and Sue Chandler all scored from the spot for England. England had twice come

from behind during the final,

In GLAND's women in seven-times champions with regained the lead in the excellent saves. Jackie Crook, defeat in a European Indoor the captain Lynn Bollington, Earlier. Scotland missed

out on a medal as they lost 4-1 to Spain in the third-place play-off Spain, who included six of their gold medal winning side from the 1992 Barce

bwe's Mark McNulty.

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York in 1981.

son took the 110m hurdles with a fast time of 13.14.

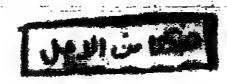
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only the freeze but Featherstone were reduced to 12 men for 10 minutes when Neil Roebuck was sent to the sin-bin for deliberate offside, and the affence was further punished when Blakenot at their most impressive here. Their stand-off Steve Righteley's seven scale was a superior for the first for the first form for free for the first form for the first Blakeley's seven goals were a worries, but then two tries in valuable contribution to the three minutes decided the tie.

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Reds' victory but he did not have one of his more convincing games.

His opposite number Martin Pearson, on the other hand, was a constant threat for Featherstone. He scored two tries, one in each half, and might have done even more damage if Rovers had exploited fully his pace, skill and eye for an opening.

""Pearson's second try, a three minutes decided the tie.

After that rarity, a scrum won against the head, Lee turved through a disintegrating Rovers defence and soon Forber's strength took him to the line after the initial damage had been done by Hampson's foray from the back.

The former Wigan full-back has appeared in five Challenge Cup finals but on this widence he looks as keen as ever at 33 to return to Wem-

and at that stage Salford were far from safe. But then, cru-ALPORD do not have cially, an alert interception by Steve Hampson prevented an almost certain Rovers try and from that point everything went Salford's way. Featherstone were reduced

p::Pearson's second try, a ever at 33 to return to Wembeauty which he also improved, brought the score to the Match award.

with tries from their Western Samoan forward Savelio and their Kiwi hooker Edwards, both the products of avoidable errors first by Rombo and then by Mackie, who made a wretched attempt to pick up the loose ball.

Salford made it 18-6 soon after the interval when Nathan McAvoy, their tall and highly coveted young winger, raced over after Rogers had slipped between Rodger and Simpson and then sucked in Mackie. lowed, all his own work and, despite being forced close to

the corner, capped with a splendid goal. Another Featherstone score looked certain soon afterwards but Hampson made his remark-able and decisive interception.



#### No sweat for Edwards

HAUN EDWARDS, all the season one mid-table and setting the elite Eagles on the road to a 35-14 win many of the Match at Ecentral Park yesterday mirers with a spirited distinct half in which the Pirst Central Park yesterday after only scraping into his 43rd successive Challenge Cup-tie victory because his high-tackle ban was lifted, writes Chris Curtain.

The home captain was involved in the first four of Wigan's 14 tries as the Second Division battlers Bramley were relentlessly worn down 74-12. Bramley, who finished

play. They turned around 32-12 down but, as usual when part-timers try to go
the whole 80 minutes with
full-timers, were beaten
pointless in the second half.
Sheffield's hooker Johnny Lawless scored the first of

earning the match award

Division strugglers levelled from 10–0 down. • The fifth-round draw

will still be made this eve-ning even though only four fourth-round matches sur-vived the weather. Some rearranged ties will now be two tries from dummy-half played next weekend as the within a minute of the League has relaxed the restart at Huddersfield, midweek rule in the broken Centenary season.



Sport in brief

#### New Zealander in **World Cup triumph**

THE Austrian-born Claudia Riegler gave New Zealand only their second victory in World Cup skiing history when she upset the favourities to win a women's slalom at Serre-Chevalier in France yesterday. The 19-year-old from Salzburg, whose mother is from New Zealand, produced a two-leg time of lmin mother is from New Zealand, produced a two-leg time of limin 31.27ssc on the Luc Alphand piste to emulate Anne-Lise Coberger, who won a slalom in Hinterstöder in 1992. The pace-setter Karln Roten of Switzerland, fastest in the first leg, was second, and despite a poor morning leg Sweden's Pernilla Wiberg finished third.

Riegler, who dropped out of the Austrian team two seasons ago after a row with her coaches and decided to race for New Zealand, had already made the podium once this season, her second on the World Cup circuit. She was third in a slalom in Marlhor this month.

#### Akinwande earns his stripes

BRITAIN's Henry Akinwande clinched a comfortable victory over the American Brian Sargent in a heavyweight tight in Don King's "Preamble to the Super Bowl" promotion in Phoenix, Arizona. The Londoner, who now has 28 wins in 29 fights, twice knocked down Sargent, from Minnesota, before the fight was stopped after only 2min 47sec of the first of 10 scheduled rounds. Sargent, a last-minute replacement for the former WBC cham-pion Oliver McCall, who withdrew without a reason last Thursday, was no match for the 30-year-old Briton.

#### **Hunter deposits Bond**

PAUL HUNTER, the 17-year-old English junior snooker champion from Leeds, has clearly emerged as rookie of the year, writes Clive Everton. After his 9-4 defeat of the world No. 6 Alan McManus in the Royal Liver UK Championship in November, Hunter saw off Nigel Bond, last spring's losing world finalist, 5-1 at the Newport Centre to reach the last 32 of the Regal Weish Open. Hunter, who has been taken under the wing of Joe Johnson, the 1986 world champion, made a 94 break in the second frame and, from 3-1, clinched victory without Bond potting another ball.

Terry Murphy, a 24-year-old left-hander from Londonderry, took the notable scalp of James Wattana; Murphy won 5-4.

#### Slatter strikes gold

HELEN SLATTER collected two medals on the second day of the World Cup swimming meet in Espoo, Finland yesterday. The Briton won the 200 metres butterfly in 2min 14.78sec and was third behind Elli Overton of Australia and Hana Cerna of the Czech Republic in the 400m individual medley. Sarah Price collected bronze with 1.04.29 in the 100m backstroke, won by New Zealand's Anna Sinicic.

#### Sweeney relishes challenge

BRITAIN's Chris Sweeney moved up to seventh in the IAAF World Cross Country Challenge standings after the fourth race of the series in San Sebastian, Spain yesterday. He finished 16th in the 10,000-metre race in 30min 53sec, well admit of the race winner and series leader James Kariuki of Kenya, who ran 29,39.

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#### City deal makes Pipe smile

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ARTIN Pipe may not have the star per-formers of previous wars in his Somerset yard, but with 102 successes so far leave the same winners as many winners as a service as many winners as service as many winners as caferners than twice as many winners as caferners than VAT constant. anyone else this season.

Pipe spent the weekend in Brixham celebrating the 49th birthday of his assistant Chester Barnes and the finalising of a share in a one year. £150,000 sponsorship deal with Cathedrai City cheddar . All Pipe horses will wear

rugs sporting the Cathedral City logo in the company's while stable staff will be given clothing of similar hue. Stephen Price, managing Champion Hurdle but is weeks before Cheltenham and in the director of Cathedral City, likely to go for the Tote Gold will be away seven weeks all month.

planning nationwide competi-tions for the public in confuc-

safeguard their VAT concessions which hinge on

sponsorship.".
There is encouraging news of the stable's Carvill's Hill, off the course for nearly four years since being injured in the Cheltenham Gold Cup. "Carvill's Hill is doing nicely and has been entered for the Grand National," said Pipe. "He could be running again in about a month."

Pridwell, a 25-1 chance, remains Pipe's hope for the Champion Hurdle but is

Southwell all-weather Flat with form guide

Another Champion longshot is the Charlie Brooks-Brooks admits he is

following the lead of Vincent O'Brien, who way back in 1968 sent his Derby winner Sir Ivor to Pisa for the winter. "The temperatures over there have been between 14 val but they shouldn't lack and 20 degrees," said Brooks. anything in litness." "I went racing there recently

horses will have.

said: "The £150,000 is being | Trophy (Europe's richest | together. Tony McEwan, one split between Martin Pipe and handicap hurdle) at Newbury of my head lads, is over there looking after them. looking after them.
"Padre Mio, who has to be kept interested, will probably

"Their muscles should be

very good and it will just be a question of working on their lungs when they get back. I'm not planning to give either of

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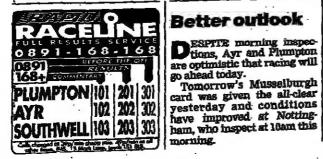
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## Spurs fazed by the maze

of the Cup. This was a meeting of minds rather than hearts. Gerry Francis and Mark McGhee both inhabit the cerebral end of the managerial scale and, as technicians besotted by systems, applied their science to the art of football on Saturday with a cold logic that did little to warm a

freezing afternoon. McGhee's master plan detailed two of his three central defenders, Richards and Young to man-mark Armstrong and Sheringham while a three-man midfield shield of Atkins, Osborn and Ferguson eat just in front of the five-man defence with orders to disrupt Spurs' forward pattern.

Faced with such deeply mined defences. Spurs de-serve sympathy for their in-ability to break them down. despite an abundance of possession before half-time and a monopoly after it. Yet the feeling persisted that they should have done better.

Francis's playing strategy does not produce many goals at the best of times. In 12 home league games this sea-son Spurs have found the net only 17 times, the second-worst record of the top nine teams in the Premiership, But faced with McGhee's old-gold wall they seemed particularly

Having spent months mastering the manager's system of pressing for possession, the team have obviously not got round to learning what to do with the time left on their hands when possession is

handed to them on a plate by a side happy merely to defend. "My players tried to keep the ball and pull Wolves out, but unfortunately they weren't coming out," said Francis. "What we should have done was get the ball into the box, then push in for the knock-downs. It is something the players will need to

But it was also clear that Spurs lacked the invention and imagination necessary to Obviously Francis had

McGhee, for he dropped up the central-midfield contest. But matching Wolves was one thing, overcoming them another.

The visitors rode their luck Stowell, a brilliant last-ditch tackle from Rankine to deny Caskey and the suspicion of a penalty when Thompson Wolves, for sheer stubbornness and playing to orders, deserved their draw.

In the circumstances it was not surprising that both goals came from errors. Spurs went ahead on 13 minutes when Thompson passed in front of his defence but instead of finding Young found Wilson, who did well in scoring his first Spurs goal. The equaliser came 16 min-

utes later when Austin, instead of running away with the ball, opted to find Walker, underhit the back-pass and Goodman's determined lunge pushed the ball past the goal-

keeper's legs.

It is easy to understand why McGhee adopted the tactics he did; he is a new manager in a demanding job with an impression to make and a Premiership side to stall. "Bepared to say we would be dif-ficult to beat, not that we would come here and win he unashamedly admitted afterwards. Just so long as it

Ominously, though, McGhee said that Wolves would play The question is, will Spurs? Their away form is superb but they need more variation. Much of what there is comes from Fox, playing so well that Francis is tipping him for an England call-up. But the side's destiny could yet hinge on a man returning from injury in the reserves. If ever Tottenham needed Darren Anderton's class, it will be in the next few months.

Tottechess Walker, Auslin, Mabbutt, Calderwood, Edinburgh, Fox, Wilson, Caskey, Campbell, Sheringham.

Everton 2. Port Vale 2

#### **Holders stay** on farce track

lan Ross

VERTON's defence of the FA Cup is coming to resemble one of those predictable Whitehall farces of the late Sixties, with the familiar hero-in-a-spot-ofbother plot. In the end our man gets the girl and recovers the missing secret documents despite displaying an alarming propensity for losing his trousers.
Which brings us back to

Everton, masters of the anticlimax and a team who often struggle to shape their own destiny even when invited to

Thank heavens for Joe Royle. In a sport bedevilled by irritating managers whose primary concern seems to be to convince all and sundry that black is white and poor is good, he continues to embrace harsh realities.

Many of his contemporarles would have made much of the fact that Ian Bogie's speculative drive from distance deep into injury time, when Port Vale were trailing 2-1, would have been a near miss rather than audacious equaliser but for a deflection off John Ebbrell. Fortunate, maybe; de-

served, most certainly.
"If we had won, it really would have been very hard on them," said Royle with a relieved smile afterwards. 'I'll say what I said after we had drawn here against Stockport County in the previous round: I'm just pleased to be still in the competition.

'I couldn't deny Port Vale's right to a replay. They de-served their draw and that's for sure. It was a strange afternoon for us; we may actually have played worse than we did against Stockport."

Royle has been Everton manager for only 15 months. In that time the FA Cup and Charity Shield have been won, he has moved the club off shifting sands on to solid ground in the Premiership, and he has used his chair man's millions to lure players of pedigree to Goodison Park. There is still much work to

be done, though, and wily campaigner that he is, he will use this poor performance to root out any complacency in his team. Royle's honesty and John Rudge's joy apart — "I knew that we deserved to get some-

thing out of it, but it didn't look as though we were going to do" said Port Vale's manager — the afternoon's abiding memory was of neither Vale's spirit nor Everton's ineptitude. No. it was Martin Foyle's astonishing miss in the first half when he spooned the ball high and wide from no more than three feet.

Had he been on target it would have given Vale the lead, but instead they found themselves trailing at the interval to Daniel Amokachi's until the seal Fouls then untidy goal. Foyle then atoned for his error with a fine, stooping header from Tony Naylor's outside-of-the-

foot cross to level the score. It would have been a scandal had Duncan Ferguson' 88th-minute goal, tapped in after Vale's goalkeeper Paul Musselwhite spilled a cross, won the tie for Everton. But Bogie's right foot and brell's shoulder ensured that

tustice was done. Nevertheless, as Stockport will testify, the gods are smiling on Everton. It is inconceivable that they will play as poorly a second time in the replay at Vale Park on Wednesday week and, if they can keep their trousers on, it

can keep their trousers on, it may just be their year again.
SCORERSe Evertoes Amokachi (40min), Ferguson (88). Port Vales Foyle (80), Bogle (90), Bogle (90), Bearless Southall; Horne, Watson, Short, Ablett (Hinchcliffe, 62), Kanchelskis, Ebbroll. Parkinson, Stuart, Ferguson, Amokachi (Limpar, 62).
Port Vales Musselwhite; Hill (Bogle, 1-4), Aspin, Griffiths, Tankard, McCarthy, Walker, Porter, Guppy, Foyle, Naylor.
Referees M Reed (Birmingham).

#### Hoddle in confident mood

GLENN HODDLE is con-fident that his Chelsea | such as Gavin Peacock and Paul Furlong "with a lot of Road in the FA Cup tonight. Although Chelsea's manager has his captain Dennis Wise and Mark Hughes

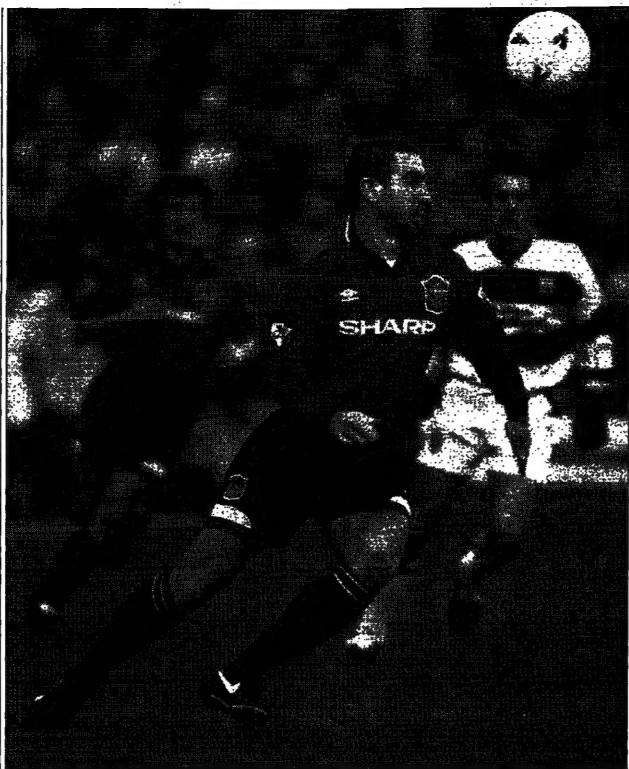
ruled out by suspension, he

says he can call on deputies | league defeats.

team can repeat their recent Premiership victory over Queens Park Rangers when they return to Loftus

Hoddle, who has just taken his squad on a short break to Spain, said: People can no longer say we are a one, two or even three-man team."

rised the failure to exploit a goal advantage over Ports-Rangers go into the tie on the back of five successive mouth and numerical superiority for just over an hour. "Anxiety got the better of McCarthy's next observational trouble was more than offset.



Splendid isolation . . . Cantona contemplates his next move during United's win at Elm Park

Reading 0, Manchester United 3

## White tinted by dash of red

Commentary

David Lacev

HOSE scanning the icy will no doubt have noticed that when the FA Cup was severely disrupted in 1963 the trophy was eventually won by Manchester United

Others, more intent on de-bunking history, may feel en-titled to point out that in the season which has seen the fewest postponements since the second world war, 1947-48, the

Cup was won by ... guess who?
Either way Old Trafford has
now reached a point roughly
similar to that at which Ron Atkinson went out and Alex Ferguson came in. Once more the Cup represents the only tangi-ble alternative to the league championship, hopes for which are fading fast.

Under Ferguson Manches ter United may have won two league titles, not to mention the Double, but it is a common law of football that the more a manager wins the more he is expected to win. A third FA Cup success for Ferguson would be a considerable feat in a season of transition, but for a club like United the Cup Winners' Cup will never be an adequate substitute for the

Champions' League.

As a builder of confidence and character, however, the FA Cup is invaluable, and should United make their third successive appearance in the final this season Ferguson will regard it as an important staging post in the inevitable process of turning the team around. Last August, with Cantona suspended and

Russell Thomas

T WOULD be tempting to say that south-east London cold-shouldered the second

phase of Millwall's Russian

revolution.

Even allowing for numbing

temperatures and travelling

roughly half the number who

greeted Yuran and Kulkov's arrival a fortnight earlier —

compounded disappointment

at the New Den on a day when

Millwall's home malaise

deepened.
The inescapable conclusion

on Saturday was that lack of

confidence as much as the

cold gnawed at Millwall's

bones. Mick McCarthy, with

typical bluntness, summa-

difficulties, the turn-out -

Ince and Hughes sold on, few tain irony in the council's would have given much for granting Reading outline

still prove United's Calvary this season, as it nearly did in the third round against Sun- Reading FC are about to park wastes of the weekend's deriand, who led at the football programme for ford and Roker Park. On Sathistorical precedents unday, however, less was left thoroughly modern in out least have made the game thoroughly modern in out least have made the game. derland, who led at Old Traf- on the hard shoulder.

Playing with more aplomb than hitherto, United contin-ued their tour of the Endsleigh League's pre-Taylor mu-seums with a 3-0 win at Reading which was never eriously in doubt once Giggs had snapped up a rebound nine minutes before halftime. A mishit centre from Parker, his first goal for three years, inadvertently increased their lead and Can-tona added a third in the pen-

Any shudders accompany ing these proceedings were prompted not merely by the intense cold but by the real-isation that had Reading managed to preserve their early lead against Bolton in last season's First Division playoff final, Manchester United and their like would now be making regular visits to Elm

Park in the Premiership. In the words of the Reading chairman John Madejski. Elm Park is a ground which. "although dear to all our hearts, is some way past its sell-by date". Fifty years past, Rumours that the 10p coin

ager. "There's no remedy ex-

cept to win."

No one can be sure where

Millwall's season is heading,

not least it seems McCarthy

himself. He would not com-

ment on his discussions last

Ireland officials about the

national manager's job. But

McCarthy clearly remains a

front runner, and a second in-

terview is expected this week.

have to overlook Millwall's

failure to win in eight home

games but can note one lanse

into Charlton-like habits on

Saturday. Asked directly

about Kulkov's tentative con-

tribution in midfield, McCar

thy instead spoke about Yuran. "He needs a goal," said

McCarthy of the striker. "He's

played all over the world, but

not in the English First Div-

ision. And it's hectic.

The Irish headhunters will

Wednesday with Republic of

Eastern gifts little consolation for homesick Millwall

them," said Millwall's man- | tion could be applied to both |

which hit a linesman during the second half was actually a shilling piece bearing the head of George VI and the legend Ind. Imp. were unfounded. And of course in the Forties Cantona would not have had a banana to lob back into the crowd.

Nevertheless there is a cerQuinn . . . imaginative

First Division: Millwall 1, Portsmouth 1

planning permission for a new stadium complex just off Of course, the FA Cup could the M4. Having struggled more than most clubs to come to terms with the motor car.

> look if slightly ageing of limb. They were a delight at Wembley last May before McAteer got Bolton going, and on Sat-urday, guided by their 36-year-old player-managers Jimmy Quinn and Mick Gooding, they worried United with inventive, imaginative

football until Giggs scored.

If the Football Association feels inclined to rap Reading over the knuckles for the coin-throwing incident it should also commend the Elm Park ground-staff's efforts in getting the tie played at all. A mixture of sand and plastic sheeting had defeated the frost, and the only problem for the players was an uneven surface.



- and they are not there."

The missing links will not be

found quickly. Yuran and

Kulkov - and by inference

their new team-mates - "will

There was one memorable

connection - between the

Russians - when Kulkov's

superb pass into the area found Yuran racing clear,

only for a hair's breadth offside decision to deny

the striker. Yuran's pro-

tracted protest needed no

Portsmouth, by contrast,

prospered in adversity, thriv-ing on Terry Fenwick's clever

personnel and positional

changes. The loss of his cen-

tre-back Perrett, sent off for a

two-footed lunge at Connor, and then Walsh with knee

take time to adjust".

interpretation.

sensible, keep it simple and keep the ball ahead of you". He might have added, "If in doubt, watch what the opposition are doing", since com-mon sense and simplicity were fundamental to Read ing's early optimism, when a

In the end the principal difference between the teams lay not so much in technique as in pace. "United have got so many good athletes," Quinn afterwards.
"The most dangerous mo

ments for us came when our movements broke down in their box. Keane, Butt, Sharpe and Giggs could get the ball up the other end in a matter of seconds. And that French fellow wasn't bad

Though Reading reproduced the angles of pass and runs into space that had twice brought Sunderland within sight of a famous Cup victory, they did not have the change of gear which would have caused Bruce more problems. The Manchester United cap tain was solidity personified at Elm Park, but he was rarely tested for speed.

"I said before the game that Reading would win," Yuri Geller, Elm Park's resident celebrity, told Ryan Giggs, "but your talent overpowered my mind." Giggs looked blank and beat a hasty retreat before Geller could get on to the sub-Geller Cowid get on to the sub-ject of bending free-kicks. SCOHERS: Manusbeater United Gige (Senin), Parker (56), Caniona (89). Reading: Hammond: Jones, Williams, Benal, Gooding, Parkinson (Lambert, 74). Hoisprove, Nogan (Meaker, 74). Gilices, Ouin (Lovel, 85), Nicriey. Manusbeater United Schmeichet: Irwin, Bruca, & Neville, P Neville (Parker, 54), Giggs, Butt, Koane, Sharpe, Caniona, Cole.

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The dismissal of Perrett

That may have further

prompted John Kirkby to

reach for the red card, al-

though Fenwick conceded that it was an "awful" challenge by

Fenwick had fonder meino

ries of Portsmouth's thorough-

ly merited equaliser, the 19-year-old Burton delivering

from outside the area a curv-

ing volley just inside Tim Carter's left-hand post. By

now Millwall's goal, tapped in

by Van Blerk after Yuran's

deft shot was deflected, was a

SCORIGRE Millwelle Van Blerk (24min). Portsmouth: Burton (74).

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Portamenths Knight; Pethick, Perrett Butters, Stimson, Durnin (Thomson, h-l), , Carler (Rees, 78), McLoughtin, Wood, Hall, Walsh (Burton, 39).

distant recollection indeed.

the 22-year-old defender.

the men on loan from Spartak playing only his second senior Moscow. 'He sees passes where the players should be duced a brief 19-man melee.

Fifth-round draw

## Manchester's derby chance '

David Lacey

ted, one of only two teams definitely through to the fifth round, face the prospect of a rare FA Cup encoun-ter at home to Manchester City or, failing that, a reunion with their former manager Ron Atkinson, now in charge at Coventry. The chances of Aston Villa.

The chances of Aston Villa, the other team already through, reaching Wembley have been improved by a fifth-round tie at neighbouring Walsall, who lie half-way in the Second Division, or Ipswich of the First Division.

These were the sale ties of These were the sole ties of

relative clarify to come out of yesterday's draw, in which 28 places. The rest was a confu-sion of alternatives. Manchesters United and City have so far met four times in the Cup, United winning the last encounter 1-0 at

Old Trafford in a third-round tie in 1987. Oddly enough, they went out at home to Coventry in the next round.

United won a fourth-round all-Manchester tie 3-0 in 1970 and before that lost 2-0 to City

at a similar stage in 1955. City won 3–0 in the 1926 semi-final. Even if City win their post-poned tie at Highfield Road, their hopes of making the quarter-finals this time will not be good. City have not won at Old Trafford since the last day of the 1973-74 season, when Denis Law's famous backheel sent United down.

Among a myriad of other possibilities are all-Premiership fifth-round encounters between Nottingham Forest and Tottenham, and Leeds United and Everton. Despite Saturday's snow

the Cup is unlikely to meet its fate of 1963, when the third round was not done until March 11. The FA is relying on both a break in the weather and police goodwill to see that the fifth round goes ahead in three weeks. The FA wants any ties drawn next week to be replayed a week later, even

replayed a week later, even though the police normally require 10 clear days between the games. If the police object to this, any outstanding fourth-round ties will be put back to Saturday February 17, date of the fifth round. date of the fifth round.

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Forest or Oxford v Tottenham or Wolve Bolton or Leeds v Everton or Port Vale

#### Keegan puts **Batty first**

will spend the next few days concentrating on securing David Batty from Blackburn after putting the proposed £8.7 million deal for Faustino Asprills on the EWCASTLE UNITED

Batty would almost cer-tainly be a Newcastle player already had Blackburn's benefactor Jack Walker not intervened late last week to

veto a £3.5 million transfer to the North-east. Walker sensed that Kevin Keegan's need for the former England midflelder was significantly greater than Blackburn's need for hard cash, and he insisted that any offer top £4 million before negotiations began. With Batty

cluded before Newcastle entertain Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday. Asprilla will definitely not

be in attendance at the week-end, as clouds of uncertainty continue to shroud his proposed move from Italy. Although he underwent a medical during his brief visit

to Typeside last week, the results have yet to be revealed. There are fears that the Colombian striker is troubled by a long-standing knee injury.

If that hurdle is cleared,

Newcastle still face the probfor a man who has a criminal record; he is serving a sus legal possession of firearms.

Asprilla himself is commit-ted to the transfer. There is no way I can go back to play for Parma after what has happened," he said yesterday, 'It's burn, a deal may be con- good for me to move now."

#### Yeboah puts Ghana in semis

TONY YEBOAH scored the promising approach when they had Nzelo Lembi sent off through to the African in the 20th minute for aiming Nations' Cup semi-finals yes-terday. The Leeds striker Nations terday. The Leeds strikes turned in an Abedi Pele cross in the 23rd minute of the game in Port Elizabeth to Eame in Port Elizabeth to prained an ankle and will the semi-final against 1-0 win over Zaire. Zaire paid for their uncom-

South Africa.

a high kick at Pele. Yeboah

Scottish Cup third round Whitehill Welfare 0, Celtic 3

#### Postman delivers but Celtic prevail

Patrick Glenn

N THE matter of sprais being swallowed by whales, Whitehill Welfare went down much less smoothly than Keith. The highlanders' 10-1 humilia-tion by Rangers at Pittodrie 24 bours earlier seemed to have firmed up the resolve of the central lowlanders from the East of Scotland League.
The village team from

Rosewell on Edinburgh's southern outskirts were never likely to be similarly embarrassed at Easter Road on a day when their defending was heroic, most notably from the goalkeeping postman Scott Cantley, who can surely have been worked harder only by the Christmas rush.

Cantley, the Man of the Match, was well served by team-mates such as Steel, Brown, Gowrie, Purves and Bennett, but it was his series of five outstanding saves which denied Celtic a landslide victory. Even a few seconds from the end he topped everything by throwing himself to his left to push away a flerce 20yard free-kick from Van Hooljdonk.

Until Donnelly replaced (Donnelly, 57). Collins (McLa Walker and brought more) Meteres: L Thou (President)

poise to the attack. Van Hooijdonk's right-foot flick at the end of a neat move involving Collins and Walker in the 39th minute was all the holders had to was all the holders had to show for their domination. Donnelly scored the second in the 75th minute with an easy header after Wieghorst had nodded Collins's centre from the left back across the six-yard box. Van Hooijdonk had a box van hoondonk had a similar task for the third goal, and his 19th of the season, five minutes later after Wieghorst had back-headed Collins's corner kick from the right.

Celtic will now be at home to Raith Rovers in the fourth round, while Rangers, for whom Cleland and Ferguson each scored hat-tricks, visit the win-ners of the postponed Clyde Dundee tie.

Kilmarnock, who beat Hibernian 2-0 at Easter Road on Saturday, will be involved in the only other all-Premier Division tie against the winners of the game between Hearts and Partick Thistle.

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## Chester's Rowen Rowen Rodb **Rowell puts** in Rodber

Robert Armstrong

IM RODBER returns to the England back row for Saturday's Five Nations Champi-onship match against Wales at Twickenham, replacing Steve Ojomoh, the only scapegoat for the defeat in Paris. The 6st 5in army captain, left out of the side who lost 15-12 in France nine days ago, has recovered from injury to win a 23rd cap. The Northampton captain plays blindside flanker, with Ojomoh not even included in a squad of 21. Leicester's No. 8 Dean Richards retains his place on

Jack Rowell, the England manager, said the form of sevori eral players had come under the close scrutiny by the selectors after the defeat in Paris. As expected, though, England byte have stuck to their policy of the company maintaining continuity for the championship, taking the view that players who had failed to do themselves justice should, in Rowell's words, "be

nor the bench.

given a second chance".

It is a reasonable assumption that the full-back Mike Catt, the centre Jeremy Gus-cott, the booker Mark Regan and the lock Martin Bayfield were among those who came under the critical microscope.

"We had a long debate about the other players but we are rebuilding and we wanted to make minimal change," said Rowell. "I have

spoken to the players and they know my feelings." Rowell made it clear that an in-form Rodber would be crucial to England's success after four defeats in their last five internationals. "We left Tim out because he was not per forming to world-class stan-dards," he acknowledged. "But he has had a kick where it hurts and now we are look-

ing to him to bounce back.
"We want a very strong partnership with Martin Bayfield which will help us in the

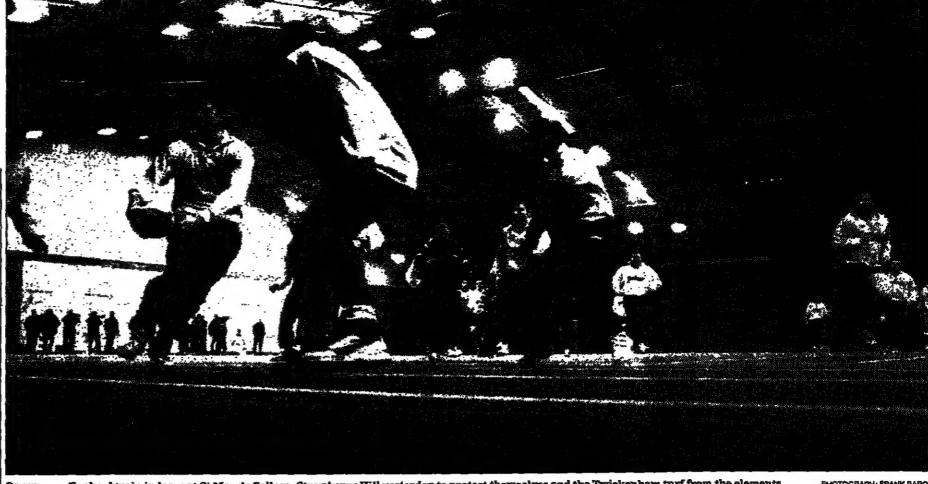
"In France the line-out got back to a free-for-all, and we expect Bayfield to be targeted by the Welsh. If that happens e're planning to throw the ball to different areas. On the day we didn't do it against from that experience.

pack leader. Tim has a cool head, and Jason Leonard peeds to pop in a word when it comes to calling the shots. The All Blacks, for instance, have several pack-leaders in-cluding Sean Fitzpatrick, and we need to develop that sort of control. "Those players who have

been given a second chance know where they stand. The England A players are knock-ing on the door all the way from Stimpson through to Archer and they will keep the team chosen to play Wales looking over their shoulders. They know the A players are there ready to step in." The 18-year-old Yorkshire

schoolboy Paul Sampson also took part in yesterday's 90-minute indoor training session at Strawberry Hill, the venue chosen because Twickenham had been covered to protect the turf from the bad weather. The young sprinter will take part in next month's National Indoor Athletics Championships in Birmingham.

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Dry run . . . England train indoors at St Mary's College, Strawberry Hill yesterday to protect themselves and the Twickenham turf from the elements

#### knee operation

JONATHAN DAVIES's slender hopes of returning to the Five Nations Championship were dealt a major blow yesterday when the Cardiff fly-half entered heaville for a bree overhospital for a knee opera-tion that threatens to rule him out any part in the competition this

The former Wales captain has already been restricted to five appearances for Car-diff since his return to the rugby union code at the beginning of November after leading Wales to the semi-finals of the Rugby League World Cup.

Neil Jenkins is expected to be given the No. 10 shirt by Wales tomorrow when they name their side for the visit to Twickenham this Saturday, their opening match of the Five Nations. Bristol's Arwel Thomas took the injured Jenkins's place in the win over Italy

Davies needs a | Pilkington Cup, fifth round: Winnington Park 0, Wasps 57

#### Park brought back to earth with a bump

Chris Hewett

MINOR miracle occurred in the heart of Dewi Morris-land when mighty Wasps came swagger ing up from London, but it was not the one fervently prayed for by Winnington Park's cheerful collection of estate agents, dairy workers and meat inspectors.

The no-hopers from Cheshire failed to trouble the scor-ers and were duly whipped by nine tries to nil. Jon Ufton's hat-trick inside 21 minutes wrapped up proceedings so securely that not even a tubthumping half-time team talk from Morris himself could make an iota of difference. It was, in truth, a mismatch. But at least the mismatch happened. Winnington Park's volunteer army — the school-boys who cleared the snow

sheeting and tarpauling can congratulate themselves on getting the show on the road when everyone else was frozen into submission. "Fair play to them, they did

a brilliant job," said Law-rence Dallaglio, the Waspa captain who in the space of seven days had journeyed from the Elysian Field of the Parc des Princes to a

"I had absolutely no problem with playing the game in those conditions," he said. league guys do it, so why shouldn't we?" The way Dallaglio is per

forming at present, he could play on sheet ice and still keep his balance. If England's manager Jack Rowell was an-noyed that his new open-side flanker turned out at No. 8 on Saturday — an injury to Peter Scrivener forced the captain to abandon his personal pref-erence — he could have saved ploughed field outside North-wich, The conditions in Paris the strain on his blood presmay have been sublime but sure. Somehow Dallaglio Dallaglio enjoyed his taste of the ridiculous every bit as tacking continuity required of a pure breaksway with the thunderous cover-tackling expected of a good old-fashioned

from the pitch, the farmers rugby players we are going to who donated bales of straw by have to get used to playing the cardioad, the local firms who coughed up all manner of tive of conditions. Rugby never looked like coping with the cardioad that it is a condition to the cardioad the local firms who coughed up all manner of the cardioad that is a condition to the cardioad the local firms who coughed up all manner of the cardioad that is a condition to the Wasps were in no mood to Dallaglio admitted, they were grateful for the game — but the muscle of Richard Kinsey, the invention of Steve Bates or the street-wise craftiness of the booker Kevin Dunn. whose intelligent positioning

grateful for the game — but not that grateful. SCOREENE Wasspan Triess Unton 3. D Hopley 2. Punn. Rolmer. Conversioness Gregory 6. Wineslagton Peris. B Oliver. A Bird. B Olodon. M Farr. J Owenc. G Lioyd (P Gabon. Tarinh.) J Farr. D Albock. I Taylor (capt). I Devise, P Rese, D Nicholks, M Bebbingion. R Sproston. N Yardley. Wasspat J Union. P Hopley (L Scrase. 78). D Hopley. A Jesses, B Rolser, G Gregory. S Bales; D Molley. K Dunn. I Dunstan, M Granwood. R Kinasy. M White. L Daltaglio (capt). C Wilsiana. Reference G Walles (Somerse). remains central to the 15-man game Dallaglio aspires to. The League Five North side had a moment or two to savour, however. Morris, the World Cup scrum-half whose career took him from Burrows Hill to the great rugby arenas of the world, has now returned to help with the coaching and he took enormous pleasure in the second-half performance of Park's latest bold and combative

 The draw for the sixth round of the Pilkington Cup will take place at Twicken-ham today even though only one fifth-round tie took place. The frozen-off ties must be played on the Courage league Saturdays of February 10 or those conditions," he said.

"Once Winnington Park told
us it was on, we were up for opposite number Robert Oliit. Besides, as professional ver the run-around on six he did out there. If nothing commitments.

Jegsel: Cricket

### Lara leads the chase Tigers taken by the tail

Paul Weaver in Points of Pierre

RIAN LARA, with an innings of casual authority, led from the front as Trinidad chased a total of 301 to win their opening Red Stripe Cup match against Barbados at Guara-

against Barbados at Guaracara Park yesterday.

Lara, playing his only
match in the competition before joining the West Indies
World Cup squad in Barbados
on Wednesday, was in a more on Wednesday, was in a more varied the restrained mood than he had attack in the been during his violently lodge him.

carefree first-innings 77 but | He edged Drakes through still reached his half-century the slips for four to raise the from only 58 deliveries.
At tea, when Trinidad were
120 for two, he was unbesten

on 63 from 71 balls with nine fours and his partner Suruj Ragoonath was 45 not out. Lars had come in immedi-ately after lunch when Trinidad were six for two and contented himself with acquisitive ones and twos for the first half-hour. He became gradually more expansive as the Red Stripe champions varied their pace-dominated attack in their attempt to disdelivery with immense power to reach his 50.

In the morning Barbados, resuming on 171 for six, a lead of 245, were bowled out for 225, with Ian Bishop taking three wickets and Avidesh Samaroo, the left-arm China-man bowler, four for 74.

Trinidad made a disastrous start to their second innings. Phil Simmons was caught behind second ball and, with only six runs on the board, Lincoin Roberts was run out, also without scoring.

#### Basketball

Robert Pryce

HE Thames Valley Tigers, perennial candi-dates for the Budweiser League title, may find themselves contending with re-election this season. After seven fat years, famine has come to Bracknell.

The Tigers suffered one of

l designed to set up a shot for Peter Scantlebury went wrong, a blind pass from Tony Holley was intercepted and Manchester's recently signed guard Joel Moore hit the winning basket nine seconds from time.

The last five minutes I don't think we withstood

don't think we withstood caster 99-91 yesterday to their pressure very well." move above Thames Valley in said the Tigers' coach Mick the table.

their more dismaying setbacks on Saturday when they
took a 19-point lead over the
Manchester Giants only to
lose 73-72. They held possession and the lead with 40
seconds to go but then a play

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three times and couldn't finish it off. Typical story."

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Scott Paterson led the scorling on each night, with 28
points against Manchester and
32 at Doncaster. The new
player-coach, the English
game's all-time top scorer, contributed 23 points last night.

#### Stars of Britain blown out as Ainslie breezes to Savannah

Bob Fisher in Mlami

BRITAIN's sailors were mostly frustrated on the final day of the Olympic Classes Regatta here. The Star class sailors, for whom this is a selection trial for the above the 16 knots maximum

No. 9 John Farr. "That lad

Mason will take a 16-point continue to do so but will go lead over Glyn Charles and to New Zealand for their George Skoudas into the national championship and second series of trials, the Ba-cardi Cup, here in March. The in this strict one-design class.

Hicks brothers, Michael and Patrick, are 14 points further

away in third. The best British performance was that of Ben Ams-lie, the 18-year-old world second in the Laser class He won the St Petersburg British Olympic team, did not Regatta a week ago from a race because the wind was fleet of 160 and is maturing rapidly as a firm medal prosgreed.

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Cocaine is a prohibited

substance on the tennis tour

and a positive test attracts a three-month suspension on

the first offence, a one-year suspension for a second failure and permanent sus-pension for a third. Despite

its better-known use as a

social drug, cocaine is un-

questionably performance

enhancing, according to top

drug-testing sources.
"There is no question that cocaine improves alert-

ness," said Dr David Cowan, director of Britain's leading

Recent high-profile cases suggest its use may be in-

creasing among sportsmen. The Arsenal footballer Paul

Merson admitted taking cocaine and the Leyton Orient

defender Roger Stanislaus also failed a post-match test

recently. His FA hearing is

The ITF conducts about 1,000 tests a year and has never had a failure. How-

ever, several top players have admitted taking co-

caine — among them Bjorn Borg, Vitas Gerulaitis and

Boris Becker was fined

by the ATP Tour two years ago for claiming that drug abuse was rampant in

men's tennis. And the former British Davis Cup

player David Lloyd said in

the News of the World: "It's

not unknown for players to sprinkle cocaine on their

wristbands and sniff it dur-

Jennifer Capriati.

cek said.

## SportsGuardian

#### MILOSEVIC TUMBLE WINS PENALTY AND TERRACE BOMBARDMENT

FA Cup, fourth round: Sheffield United 0, Aston Villa 1

## Villa shrug off the snowballs rumour puts The snowballs of the snowballs

David Hopps

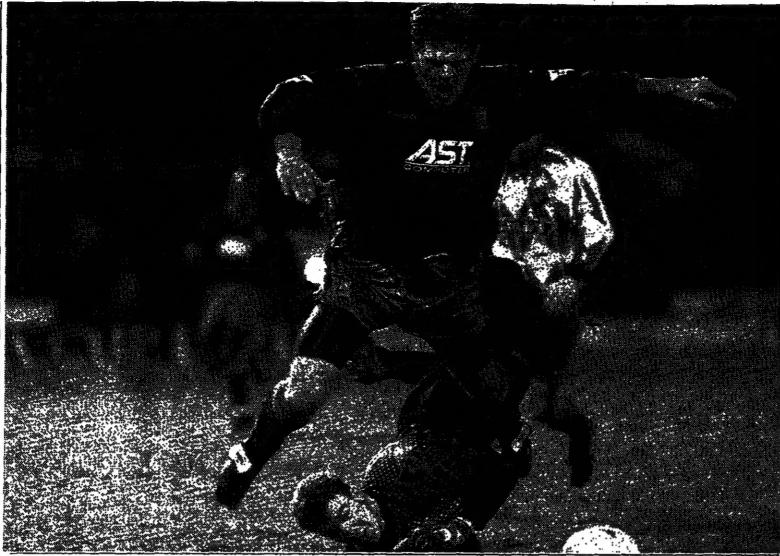
W of the Premiership's imports have been less appreciated this season than Aston Villa's vic, so it was apt that one of his most influential moments of the season yesterday should be met by a hail of

Several inches of snow were cleared off the Bramall to go ahead, and some of it was returned with disgust as the Kop protested over a pen-alty, won by Milosevic, which carried Aston Villa into the

Villa's superiority deserved their fist-minute goal, as did the quality of the move as Wright's excellent ball from defence was followed by John-son's exact through-pass. What was less certain was the offence of the challenges on Milosevic, a half-push by Short followed by the slight-est contact by the diving Kel-ly as the stumbling striker least over him, he was soing eapt over him; he was going

protests and Milosevic (accused of diving when, in truth, he was overbalancing) was booed for the rest of the match, which at least stopped the crowd jeering the inaccuracy of his shooting. Memo ries of United's refused claims for a penalty, when Charles seemed to handle Nilsen's left-wing cross, did not improve their mood.

Yorke's penalty was a mo-ment of brazen confidence, the gentlest of chips which had still not crossed the line by the time Kelly, diving to his right, had hit the ground. Villa have not reached an FA Cup semi-final since 1957 so long ago that even Paul McGrath had not been born but their methodical display suggested they can sur-vive most things that might



Ward and Veart both might have summoned up an injury-time equaliser in a frenzied finish but Villa survived. leaving Howard Kendall to suffer his first defeat in eight matches as United's manager. United's defeat of Arsenal

same ground 11 days earlier had been inspired by the sparky right-side combination of Short and Ward. But Kendall, wary of Johnson's floating role behind Villa's front two, had elected to de-ploy Ward in a man-marking

more advanced than usual, for half an hour, leaving Villa struggled to come to terms to lay siege to their goal.

Johnson twice escaped

Johnson, intelligently, wasted no time in drawing Ward as far away from the right flank as possible. The result was that United's at-

Ward's attentions with farpost headers, and when Ward did dare to leave him unattended in the anxiety to kickstart United into life, Johnson immediately found space in enders and drove in a lo shot which Kelly pushed around his left-hand post.

Villa's most unpredictable moments rested with Milose vic, whose excitable long-range shooting was so persis-tently astray that his sights must have been set by a fairground con-man. He would not win a teddy bear if he

with United making so lit-tie headway, Ward's marking role was all but abandoned after half an hour. It had an enlivening effect at both ends. Ward's first link with Short provided an opportunity for Patterson, which was saved by Bosnich, who also had to stretch to keep out Hutchin-

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flicked on Nilsen's free-kick. Veart, the Australian striker who had scored the

winner against Arsenal, replaced Hutchinson at halftime, and United were forced to make further adjustments three minutes after the intermade nearly 450 league appearances, was carried off with a gashed shin.

With any degree of composure from Milosevic, Villa's receipt of victory would have

margin of victory would have been far greater. Even his part in the penalty failed to inspire him. Johnson's pre-cise pass set up an inviting opportunity 13 minutes from time, but by the time his reck-less shot fell to earth it could lass shot rell to earth it could have had snow on it — retali-ation for all those snowballs.

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## Tennis drugs

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ATS WILANDER will take the inter-national Tennis right to defend themselves from allegations that they failed drug tests for cocaine at last year's French Open. Yesterday's News of the World claimed the players had had high-level meethad had high-level meet-ings with tennis officials over alleged fallures. In response the ITF president Brian Tohin said in Meldrug-testing centre at King's College, London. 'It might also help a player through the pain barrier." bourne: "I can't confirm that there have been any positive tests. The ITF won't be making any com-ment on this story."

American lawyers, acting for the players, said: "On behalf of our clients we cat-egorically deny the allega-tion. We have lie-detector evidence proving our cli-ents are telling the truth in denying the allegation." Tohin insisted: "We won't comment on any individual

tests or results that take place throughout the year. Should any particular ath-lete be found in violation of the rules after full and due process, then of course he or she will be subject to the penalties prescribed."

"There are all sorts of things that can affect tests: medical treatment, that sort of thing. All that has to be considered properly before the final decision is made." Wilander, 31, the Swede who has won seven Grand Slam singles titles, and No-vacek. a 30-year-old Czech,

ing a match." deny cocaine abuse. "It's an



#### "...and another good thing



"I'd always resisted the temptation to change banks —I just didn't want the hassle. In the end I spoke form in the post for me to sign and after sorting my security details, my account was open. I got a like my standing orders and salary really smooth. In no time I was using the card to get cash

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Across 1 New rops -- It's so easy to put

away (7)

5 Imagines a fool will accept all direction (7)

10 About time too, apparently! (7)

11 Meant perhaps to retain some

13 Superior port (5) 15 A tool held by simple men the

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22 Carol is about fifty and so shy 23 Management slip-up (9)

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26 Account for this being no longer clear (7)

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soldiers (7) 9 Ground for surrounding the monarch with attendants (7) Down 1 Getting a non-drinker into the bar is the little beast's end (3-

12 Chatter cut short by a minister Crack up appropriate share (7)

3 Well turned out - and suffer

4 Letters are sent in indicating where skin's to be treated (9)

5 A period of lilness is concerning (5)

6 Front men maiding a charge (9) 7 Fickle male? But that's

appalling! (7) 8 Pen tip used by a certain kind

14 Say Rosemary appears

perpetually naive (9)

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16 Stick with bluish grey coating

17 Took stock in sound fashion

18 Turning colour about rent required, he'li move to no

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21 The big fellow backing pre-eminent queen (7) 23 Odd route to take - most

24 The musician wanted a meet right away (5)

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